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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

74TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Banaras, December 26, 1949, 8.30 a.m.

AT the moment the Theosophical Society has Lodges and members attached to Adyar in about 56 countries of the world. The President of the Society is the connecting link between them all. There is only one other organization similar to the Society; it is the Salvation Army, which has one head, the General, with many subordinate officers throughout the world. Similarly, the Theosophical Society has one President, though there is a General Council composed of the heads of the various National Societies throughout the world. It is the sole legislative and governing body of the Society, the President being its agent.

In the course of my 48 years as a Theosophical lecturer, I have visited nearly all the countries where the Society is working, with the exception in Europe of Poland, Jugoslavia and Greece, and in the Far East, the Philippines. Of course, before the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Society had Russian Lodges banded together as the Theosophical Society in Russia. But I recall even some years before, what difficulties there were concerning the introduction of Theosophical literature, and how Mrs. Isabel Cooper-Oakley visited Russia with the two volumes of *The Secret Doctrine* tied round her waist under her skirts. There are still Russian members scattered throughout the world, studying Theosophy. But when and how the Theosophical Movement can start again in Russia, no one can foresee.

We have all heard of the "iron curtain," behind which there are certain countries of Europe. I will not name them, in order to safeguard the members who reside in them. The policy, adopted behind that curtain, of the regimentation of all citizens of the State into one line of thought and feeling, is suicidal in the long run. It is impossible to insist that the forces of growth shall run only along certain channels. We know that in the vegetable kingdom the great driving force in evolution is what has been termed "variation". Every organism which may seem to be stereotyped and fixed, after a time gives off "sports"—new variations which have certain modifications of structure and therefore of behaviour. Now and then these variations occur fairly suddenly and unexpectedly, by "leaps," as was the case with the Evening Primrose, which in the course of nine years gave rise to ten new varieties.

There is a quality innate in Nature of steadily creating variations, and allowing them to struggle among themselves for the survival of the fittest. The same principle is clearly evident among animals and humans. It is the principle called Mendelism. Very briefly, within the nucleus of the human cell exist tiny units called *genes*; combinations of genes produce variations first and later new species.

In exquisite imagery, the Sūfi poet Jāmi of Persia has stated this principle, with the fundamental axiom that the

whole universe is a revelation of the Infinitely Beautiful :

. . . But Beauty cannot brook
 Concealment and the veil, nor patient
 rest,
 Unseen and unadmired ; 'twill burst all
 bonds,
 And from Its prison-casement to the
 world
 Reveal Itself. See where the tulip grows
 In upland meadows, how in balmy spring
 It decks itself ; and how amidst its
 thorns
 The wild rose rends its garment, and
 reveals
 Its Loveliness. Thou too, when some
 rare thought,
 Or beauteous image, or deep mystery
 Flashes across thy soul, canst not endure
 To let it pass, but holdst it, that per-
 chance
 In speech or writing thou mayst send it
 forth
 To charm the world.

Any attempt on the part of a State to make all its citizens think and feel alike may seem to succeed for a few generations, but inevitably there is bound to be an explosion and a revolution ; because this scheme of things, which we call "Life," has at its root the principle of going on from good to better and better to best, in a process of experimentation. Of course, certain idealists, like Plato, have held that this "best" is already prefixed in a Divine Plan and that the evolutionary process is a slow realization here below of that "best," which must reveal itself in perfect Beauty, Truth and Goodness. There is a principle in the soul of man which insists on being "individually unique". Any attempt to suppress the individuality of a human being will in the long run end in disastrous failure.

The growth of the Theosophical Society is steady, and year after year its work is increasing and its influence on the thought of mankind becoming more pronounced. We need only to note the vast changes in thought here in India from the day when the two

Founders of the Society, H. S. Olcott and H. P. Blavatsky, landed in Bombay in 1878. The general trend of thought of the so-called intellectuals of the day was to profess, without hesitation, the thesis of western Materialism. From the day the Society began its work, with the publication of the translations of ancient texts of Hindu Scriptures, the revival of Indian culture has been steadily progressing. On all sides we have dozens of cultural organizations, which have absolutely rejected the doctrines of Materialism, and have committed themselves to ideas which have a spiritual basis.

One particular characteristic to be noted in many countries is the way that the Society's First Object of Universal Brotherhood, without distinction of *creed*, has been taken up by other organizations who call themselves Fellowships of Faiths, and so on. The ceremony, started at the Jubilee Convention of 1925, of beginning each day's activities with the Prayers of Religions, repeated in the tongue of each religion by an adherent of that religion, has been imitated by other organizations. This is as it should be, because our Society has no monopoly on fundamental thoughts. We may have been the precursors in enunciating those thoughts, but they belong to all mankind. We are therefore glad when others take up the flag of leadership in various fields of thought and action, and develop those fields in their own ways. This releases us from our old labours, to undertake new types of work which only the Theosophical philosophy reveals to us as a part of the Plan of Evolution.

Since the ending of the war, which has meant a serious dislocation of our work in many countries on the continent of Europe, much help has been given to strengthening its National Societies. In 1947 I made an extensive tour in Europe, though I was not able to visit Austria, Hungary, Germany

and Jugoslavia because of passport difficulties. That same year, Brother Sri Ram visited England and several countries in Europe, and Srīmatī Rukmini Devi also helped Britain and Holland, though her visits were brief. In 1948, both of them made extensive tours in the United States, and briefly visited Cuba and Canada. This year my work was specially with the United States and Canada, though incidentally I made hurried visits to Holland and Paris. This year both Brother Sri Ram and Srīmatī Rukmini Devi gave most valuable help to the work in Europe, by visiting a large number of countries. Mr. Sri Ram, particularly, spent a great deal of time visiting seventeen Lodges in Britain and strengthening the work there considerably. Srīmatī Rukmini Devi, (in addition to her work for the Society in twelve countries) presented dance recitals in four European cities.

While the Society is divided into National Societies, each autonomous, nevertheless large regional divisions, such as that for Europe, have been found useful. The European Federation of National Societies has been working for the last 45 years, holding Congresses almost yearly. Such a regional division in a continent like Europe where communications are not too far distant, has facilitated the work by enabling the General Secretary of the Federation to co-ordinate all work, by distributing general information, arranging for congresses, visits of international lecturers, and so on. The Federation has been most especially useful after the war in co-ordinating the work of many of the stricken countries, and helping the National Societies to begin their work afresh.

The highlight of this year in Europe was the Congress of the European National Societies, held in Paris, where both Mr. Sri Ram and Srīmatī Rukmini Devi were present and delivered lectures and addresses. A vast amount

of work was necessary before the Congress took place, and all this was directed by Mr. J. E. van Dissel, General Secretary of the Federation of National Societies in Europe, helped by the Assistant General Secretary, Mademoiselle Pascaline Mallet. Over 600 members from 20 countries were present. The large Congress was preceded by a meeting of the Council of the Federation, when General Secretaries and representatives of fourteen countries took part in its deliberations.

The time has come now when the countries of Europe must largely direct their own work from within, though whenever possible international lecturers will visit them. When all is said and done, the strength of a Section is not in the passing inspiration of a foreign visitor; it is the result of the sacrifices, week after week, of the members in the country itself.

There have been constant appeals to me to visit the countries of South and Central America, Cuba and Puerto Rico, as over ten years have elapsed since my last visit. At the moment, I am the only international Theosophical lecturer who can address the public and members there in Spanish and Portuguese.

I had intended next year, 1950, to visit Australia and New Zealand, but I have had to postpone this plan, though I hope it may be possible to visit these important Sections in 1951.

The membership of our Society now stands at 33,180, with 1,319 Lodges. The year's increase is 434 in membership, and 16 in Lodges. But, as I have said, the influence of the Society as a world movement is not to be measured in terms of the number of members or of Lodges, but in the slow spread of the great Theosophical ideals among hundreds of thousands of people, who yet fail to grasp the essence of Theosophy and of the Society, which is to make a nucleus of Universal

Brotherhood, for want of which mankind is suffering so greatly today.

A new development of the work of the Society began at our seventy-fourth Anniversary on November 17th last, when we inaugurated the School of the Wisdom. In the December issue of *THE THEOSOPHIST*, I gave an outline of what I hope for the development of the School. Criticism has been levelled at my effort, with the statement that nobody can be *taught* Wisdom. Obviously that cannot be done, any more than one can teach a lotus seed to grow. But one can provide the environment of soil, water and sun, so that the spirit of life in the seed may have an opportunity to spring forth from the recesses of its being and show its beauty. So is it with Wisdom. There have been schools of Wisdom in far-off days in India in the time of the Upanishads, and there were such schools round Plato, Aristotle and Plotinus. We have today, in the material of ancient and modern Theosophy, with the addition of all that Science has discovered, a vast store of facts out of which any man who desires can come nearer to the Wisdom. That is the aim of the School of the Wisdom established at Adyar. But there is one new element in this School, in that its aim is not only to make its students wise, but also to make them *workers for mankind*, full of the spirit of humanitarian enthusiasm to "try to lift a little of the heavy Karma of the world". The School has begun well, and I hope much from it as the years pass.

As in previous years, I have to draw the attention of all members of the Society to the magnificent work done by the Adyar Library. As everybody enters through the main gate of the Headquarters estate, two inscriptions are noted on the two pillars of the gate, one, "The Theosophical Society," and the other, "The Adyar Library". These were placed by

Colonel Olcott, who created the Library in the year 1886. Since then it has grown to be one of the great scholarly institutions, not only of India, but of the whole world. Originally intended to be the repository of ancient manuscripts of this land, it is now an institution which not only houses 15,000 palm-leaf and other manuscripts and some 50,000 printed books, but is steadily issuing rare manuscripts in Sanskrit and other Indian languages, as well as translations in English of some of them. The latest volume to be issued by the Library is No. 71. No profit is made out of any of the publications, which are sold at cost price.

The whole work has been powerfully and enthusiastically directed for some years by Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, well known in South India as a physician both in western medicine and in the systems of India. He was the physician of my two predecessors as President, Dr. Besant and Dr. Arundale, as he is now also my own physician. He organized the Government School of Medicine in Madras, as its first Principal, and is a Sanskrit scholar in addition to all his other abilities. It goes almost without saying that he gives most valuable help in every possible way in connection with the Society and its many departments.

Associated with Dr. Srinivasamurti is, as Curator, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Ph.D., trained in western Oriental scholarship both in Germany and Oxford, and having in addition a great knowledge of Sanskrit and the rare manuscripts existing in India. Dr. Kunhan Raja is the Reader in Sanskrit in the University of Madras. The staff of the Library consists of one Librarian, two Research assistants, four pandits for collating and preparing ancient manuscripts for publication, and two pandit-scribes for making transcripts of manuscripts.

The Adyar Library badly needs a new building, as all available space in the main Headquarters building is occupied, and the Library is overflowing its present capacity of bookshelves, reference and reading rooms, and so on. Though the Library works quietly and unassumingly, I want to assure all the members that throughout the world the great institutions of Oriental scholarship have the highest appreciation of the work done by our Library, which is definitely a bright jewel in the crown of the Theosophical Society.

In several countries the Young Theosophists movement, especially in India, has been found useful, but the Young Theosophists are meeting with many difficulties, as most of them have to earn their livelihood in some occupation, and there is little time to be devoted to gatherings and organization. Also, it has been found that after a group has been started, enthusiasm fades out, unless there is some very vital Young Theosophist who will throw himself into the work of leadership. This difficult situation is unavoidable. I can only note that the World Federation of Young Theosophists, whose President is Srimatī Rukmini Devi, has been found valuable as giving an opportunity to the young members to feel that they are not all the time under a kind of invisible suppression by the older members, who would rather that the young sat at the back and did not open their lips.

In Lodges here and there, some work is being done for children, in a form once well known as the Golden Chain and Lotus Circle. Where these organizations have existed within the Lodge and as a part of Lodge activity, I have always noted a certain freshness in the atmosphere of the Lodge. So many Lodges, for the lack of the happy influence of the children, have an inescapable feeling as of a room long

closed up, where fresh air has not entered.

Of course there is the Order of the Round Table, which has succeeded in some countries, but in others the enthusiasm for it has faded. While they may meet now and then in Theosophical Lodge rooms, the Round Table works on its own and is not under the auspices of the Theosophical Lodge.

Two years ago we revived in India the Theosophical Order of Service, instituted by Dr. Besant soon after she became President, and which had ceased to function. Its many departments of work give to really earnest Theosophists opportunities of new types of work other than lecturing and attending meetings. Unless Theosophy is made *practical*, as an Adept teacher asked us to make it, the Ancient Wisdom remains merely an intellectual creed and not a power in our hearts. For over twenty-five years the Order has been active in the United States; it is working well again in New Zealand.

Headquarters at Adyar is certainly more beautiful than ever, and all the officers of the Society and their assistants give much loving care to emphasize the orderliness and beauty of the place. But with increasing costs of materials and maintenance, and particularly the steady demand for increase of wages by all the employees, the costs of maintaining Headquarters have steadily risen. The amounts received from annual dues from the Sections barely come to one-sixth of the costs of administration. We have, therefore, to rely upon donations from the members, who in the past have been most generous, and particularly the members in the United States, who have sent us each year a large sum for the Adyar Day Fund. But the costs of the work in the United States are also increasing, and naturally members feel a special obligation to the work within the

country. I am, however, grateful always for the special help sent us from the United States, and indeed to all others who send their contributions in whatever amount.

The last two years we have been attempting to increase our permanent fund, by the special creation of the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund. Our plan is that out of the investments of this Fund we may be able to meet the recurring deficit, and thus meet the increasing costs. The fund is slowly growing, and I am most grateful to all the donors. But I would like members throughout the world to remember that the strengthening always of the International Headquarters is of vital importance to the work of the National Societies throughout the world.

Speaking on behalf of the principal administrative officers at Headquarters, I should like to say that our anxieties in this matter of costs and deficits have not ceased, and we shall be grateful if members will keep Adyar in mind, not only in periodic contributions, but specially to mention the Theosophical Society for legacies in their Wills. In this regard I have to draw the attention of all members to the fact that our deficit for the coming year will be Rupees 36,390 (£2,729 sterling; \$7,763). We have a larger deficit because we must increase wages to fall into line with those of the Madras Government, and the costs of material are steadily going up. We can cover this deficit only from donations from members. I hope members will realize that it is from the Adyar Day Fund that we can contribute some part of the necessary amount to cover the deficit, and that therefore each country will make a special effort during each year to build up the Adyar Day Fund.

Needless to say, I must express my warmest thanks to the principal officers of the Society and the heads of various departments at Adyar Head-

quarters. During my absence of eight months, the Vice-President, Brother Sidney A. Cook, as my Deputy took over my responsibility regarding the administration of Headquarters. As before, his business training has been most valuable in strengthening Headquarters administration in its many aspects as a community that must continually think of ways and means, and the best possible type of organization. The Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Zahara, has in some ways a never-ending type of work, not only with correspondence with the National Societies, but also, since all matters of orders to the various departments and permission to reside at Adyar, and so on, have to pass through her hands; every morning she sees me with papers. I want to express my warm appreciation of her devotion to the work of the Society. The Treasurer, Brother C. D. Shores, and his staff have a very heavy task, which is done almost in retirement, as it is very rarely that the Treasurer needs to see me. An examination of the Treasurer's books shows how many different accounts and ledgers have to be kept, in such a manner that the chartered accountant can, at the end of the financial year, give his certificate that everything is in order. I must not omit to mention the Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House, Brother K. S. Krishnamurti, who is indefatigable in the development of its work. Not only Theosophical books, but also *The Theosophist*, are despatched from his department, and there is good order and method in the work. Equally valuable is the work of the Vasanta Press, whose Manager is Brother C. Subbarayudu. In the city of Madras our Press, named after Dr. Besant (Vasantā, the nearest to Besant, is a Sanskrit word which means "spring"), has the highest reputation for the best and the most accurate work that any press is capable of doing.

Among the various departments attending to the welfare of the Headquarters estate, the most important is that of the Engineering Department, which supervises the distribution of electricity and all the repairs necessary to our sixty-six buildings. For the last two years we have had as the Honorary Superintendent Brother A. R. Hemsted, B.Sc., who has had over forty years' experience in electrical engineering, holding high executive offices in one of the large firms of Britain. He is ably assisted by Brother M. D. Subramaniam, who has competent engineering training and has been working in the department for over twenty years. I have here only space to mention the heads of the other departments, to whom I give the cordial thanks of the Society's officers, as of all the residents on the estate: Dr. E. Sundaresan, Medical Officer-in-charge of the T.S. Dispensary; Mr. N. R. Subramania Iyer, Superintendent of Bhojansālā; Mrs. A. A. Waltho, Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers; Mr. K. Neelakantan, Manager of Garden Department, Superintendent of Watch and Ward, and Superintendent of Headquarters Attenders' Staff; Mr. M. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer, Superintendent of T. S. Laundry; Mr. Naranji K. Kevat, Superintendent of Headquarters Cleaning Squad; Madame P. Cazin, Superintendent of Sanitary Department. Nor must I omit one of my most valued helpers, Mrs. D. R. Dinshaw, the Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*.

I have noted in several countries the habit, when a Lodge is organized, of calling the Lodge by the name of some prominent Theosophical worker. I have felt strongly that, while the object of the members of the new Lodge is to honour the worker, yet on the whole for the sake of the public it is best to eliminate all element of personality. Twenty years ago a Lodge in Argentina desired to call itself "Lodge Jinārājādāsa," and I strenuously deprecated

the idea, though I suggested if they wanted to make some connection with me, the Lodge might be called "Rājadharmā". Even with this impetus, the Lodge did not last more than one year!

There are Lodges with the names of the Mahātmās Koot Hoomi and Morya, and even the Mahā-Chohan. During the visit to Cuba of one of our old and staunch workers, Miss Marie Poutz, of Krotona, Ojai, a Lodge was named for her "Marie Poutz Lodge". Members never imagine that when a new member joins he might be somewhat puzzled as to what kind of organization he is joining, of which Marie Poutz is the patron. There are so many beautiful ideals, whose designations can be used for the names of Lodges, that it seems a pity that the element of personality should be associated with Theosophical propaganda. It is most injurious to the spread of the truths of Theosophy if we should create bit by bit a calendar of Theosophical saints, such as the Roman Catholic has of Christian saints for every day in the year.

The Italian liberator, Mazzini, once said that God had written on the forehead of each Nation a Word, and that the Nation did not come to its full Nationhood till it had discovered its Word, and uttered it to the whole world. There is a mystical truth underlying this idea.

Each people, however new, is being shaped in the Divine Plan to give a particular contribution to the world as a whole. One task of Theosophists is to discover what is the message of the Nation. On the whole, this Word is not revealed in the lives of the so-called educated and cultured classes, except occasionally in some poets. We have to go to the bedrock of the people, especially those who till the fields and are near to the soil, for in a mysterious way, Mother Earth is like the Intuition of the world.

In our Theosophical propaganda we must never forget in what way we are to help the millions who do not live in cities, but who are producing the most vital substance for all in the nation, food. The truths of Theosophy can be presented even to "the simplest mind of man," as said the Adept Teacher in *The Idyll of the White Lotus*, when He enunciated the three principal Truths of Theosophy. It should be the constant endeavour, not only of Theosophical lecturers, but of all who dream of the greatness of their people, to discover in what manner to associate the vast majority of the people with the idealism of Theosophy. In other words, we must not only proclaim Theosophy in lecture halls, but take Theosophy into the farmsteads and where the workers in factories live.

It is only those who live in their country who can at all understand in what way to satisfy the need of the people in this regard. But of one thing we can all be certain, that there is no single human being, in spite of the rigidity of his religious faith and the domination of priesthoods, who is not fundamentally in need of some ray of the Divine Wisdom to inspire him, and to feel the Divine Strength within him. Human civilization will never come to any high achievement till each individual repeats to his Nation and to the world the Divine "Word" written on *his* forehead from the beginning of time.

Next December we shall be celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Society at Adyar. There is enough published from the *Letters* of the Adepts to show that the Society did not begin casually, as the result of a number of enthusiasts meeting in New York, but that it was definitely intended by the Adepts, and initiated

by two of Them. We know that towards the end of 1882, before the first seven years were over, there was quite a doubt in the minds of the two Adepts whether the experiment begun by Them would not be a failure, due to certain disintegrating elements within the Society. Fortunately, by November seventeenth of that year, the Society tided over the crisis. Since then the Society has had many crises, where members have been divided, and sometimes most acutely. Nevertheless, from decade to decade the Society has increased in strength and in effectiveness for helping the world.

Next year we shall begin another chapter of the Society's work, and those of us now living, who are old workers and still remain members of the Society, can congratulate ourselves that we have been true and faithful to the Society, and to Those Who have stood behind it, though Their guidance may be invisible. As it was the original plan to make the Society a channel of Their goodwill and inspiration for mankind, may the Society always continue to live up to the ideals expected of it and of all members.

In a Letter to Mr. A. P. Sinnett, Mahātma K. H. said :

"If you would go on with your occult studies and literary work, then learn to be loyal to the Idea, rather than to my poor self."¹

The Idea, not personalities, that must always be the fundamental guiding principle of our work. In reverence of the Idea given to us by the Invisible Directors of the Theosophical Society, let us rise, and pledge ourselves to be loyal to the ideal of the Brotherhood of Humanity and the diminishing of human ignorance and misery.

¹ Letter 55.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

THE Society's Income and Expense Account for the year ended 30-9-49 has closed with a surplus of Rs. 3,256 after allocating Rs. 13,210 from the Adyar Day collections.

During the year the constantly rising cost of all materials and supplies has continued. In the coming year the Society is faced with an increase of Rs. 10,000 in dearness allowances made to employees to aid them in meeting similar rising costs and to bring these payments into line with Government scales.

Repairs and Renewals.—During the year a sum of Rs. 41,873 has been expended for Repairs and Renewals, of which amount Rs. 11,000 can properly be regarded as War-deferred Maintenance and has therefore been charged to the Reserve created last year for that purpose.

Capital Expenditure.—In addition to the normal repairs, capital improvements have been made to some buildings. These are reflected in an addition of Rs. 33,463 to the Immovable Property Account.

Taxation.—As mentioned in last year's report, certain tax exemptions were granted by the Corporation of Madras on buildings not used for residential purposes and credits under this head for the year 1947-48 and for the first half of 1948-49 are both included in the latter year. As a result the amount under this heading shows a total of only Rs. 7,818. Unfortunately this relief has since been more than offset by a 10% increase in rates and for the year 1949-50 the

budget provides for a payment of Rs. 12,000.

Departmental Accounts

Garden.—The excess of Expense over Income at Rs. 6,540 is the result of the net expense of Rs. 7,401 on the ornamental gardens. The charges for this item have been kept at a minimum, but as the beauty of the estate is so much dependent on the ornamental gardens the expense is a necessary one. A net income of Rs. 12,416 from our Casuarina account has been taken directly to General Income. A systematic programme for planting and cutting Casuarina trees has been instituted for future income purposes.

Bhojanasala.—As a result of the all round increase in the cost of provisions and owing to fewer boarders the loss of Rs. 1,609 on this department has exceeded the budget estimate. As the standing charges are already at a minimum a deficit in the same amount may occur next year.

Leadbeater Chambers.—Shows a deficit of Rs. 3,500 less than was budgeted for, owing to an increase in the charges made to residents for food.

Laundry.—This department shows an excess of Expense over Income of Rs. 629. There have been certain changes in the personnel, which it is expected will enable the department to run without loss in future.

The Engineering Department has had a large turnover because of the many works of maintenance and repair carried out during the year. Its account shows a net income of Rs. 271

after placing Rs. 2,000 to Water Meter and Pipe Line Reserve.

Vasanta Press.—The accounts show an Income of Rs. 1,299 after setting aside Rs. 5,000 towards the publication of *Occult Chemistry* and allowing the usual depreciation on Machinery, Type, etc.

The Watch and Ward and Sanitation Departments being service departments, involved an unavoidable expense of Rs. 15,270 to the Society. It has been found necessary to budget for increased cost for 1949-50 because of the recent sanction of increased dearness allowances mentioned earlier in this report.

Appropriations.—Rs. 5,000 has been allotted to the Adyar Library following the practice of recent years. Nothing has been placed to the President's Travelling Fund for 1949-50 as it is considered that the existing balance is sufficient to meet present needs. A sum of Rs. 2,500 has been appropriated to a new fund for the travelling expenses of the Vice-President.

Depreciation shows an increase of Rs. 5,313 over the budget estimate. This results from depreciation of properties first entered in the accounts

last year and from the higher depreciation rate, for which no allowance had been made in the budget.

The Faithful Service Fund at the beginning of the year showed a balance of Rs. 33,228 but during 1948-49 the sum of Rs. 12,479, has been expended, as detailed in the appended statement. The balance at the close of the year is only Rs. 26,664 and this Fund will need strengthening by appropriations, if donations are not received to meet the need.

Income: Rentals received remain approximately the same.

Fees and Dues show an increase of Rs. 2,900 owing to the receipt of Section dues from countries which, because of currency restrictions, had been unable to remit in previous years. There remain other monies frozen in Europe which are therefore not incorporated in the accounts.

Donations show a reduction of Rs. 18,200 compared with last year. The Adyar Day collections, including the generous contribution of Rs. 22,626 from the American Section amounted to Rs. 24,432. Other donations of Rs. 1,210 received during the year brought the total to Rs. 25,642. Allocations were made as follows :

			Rs.	A.	P.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	...	...	1,000	0	0
Adyar Library	...	...	1,000	0	0
Welfare Fund	...	...	1,000	0	0
Besant Theosophical School	...	...	1,000	0	0
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	...	...	2,500	0	0
Faithful Service Fund	...	...	5,000	0	0
President's Discretionary Fund	...	...	500	0	0
			12,000	0	0
Sum made available for the T.S.	...	...	13,209	15	3
Retained for further allocation	...	...	432	10	7
			25,642	9	10

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Budget Allot- ment	EXPENSE			Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Rs.	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages	...	...	...		17,315	1 3
17,100	„ Repairs and Renewals	...	...	41,873	2 3		
30,000	Less Amount Charged to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve			11,000	0 0		
						30,873	2 3
3,500	„ Light and Water	...	...	...		4,164	7 6
4,000	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...		4,041	2 4
2,500	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	...	...	...		2,259	4 0
3,500	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...		3,761	5 0
11,000	„ Taxes	...	...	...		7,818	10 11
100	„ Pensions	...	...	...		61	8 0
2,000	„ Convention 1948 Account	...	...	...		2,071	11 3
900	„ Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	...		631	10 0
500	„ Museum and Archives	...	...	...		280	13 0
	„ Departmental Results :						
		Expenditure	Income	Net			
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
	Garden	31,991 5 9	25,451 2 2	- 6,540 3 7			
12,000	Watch and Ward	13,204 5 0		- 13,204 5 0			
4,250	Sanitation	3,511 0 3	1,445 0 0	- 2,066 0 3			
2,600	Dispensary	3,178 5 3	521 5 6	- 2,656 15 9			
700	Bhojanasala	9,682 6 11	8,073 6 6	- 1,609 0 5			
4,500	Leadbeater Chambers	18,340 14 11	14,838 15 7	- 3,501 15 4			
	Laundry	8,788 13 9	8,159 12 9	- 629 1 0			
	Engineering Department	1,29,744 7 10	1,30,016 0 11	+ 271 9 1			
	Vasanta Press	1,03,866 14 10	1,05,166 7 0	+ 1,299 8 2			
		3,22,308 10 6	2,93,672 2 5	- 28,636 8 1		28,636	8 1
						1,01,915	3 7
	„ Appropriations :						
5,000	To Adyar Library	...	...	5,000 0 0			
3,300	„ President's Travelling Fund	...	...	3,300 0 0			
						8,300	0 0
	„ Depreciation :						
8,000	On Immovable Property @ 2%	...	...	11,149 9 3			
	„ Movable Property @ 7½%	...	...	2,164 1 8			
						13,313	10 11
	„ Excess of Income over Expense carried to Capital a/c			...		3,255	14 0
						1,26,784	12 6

ADYAR

17th December 1949

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES							
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Capital							
General:							
Balance at Oct. 1, 1948	...	6,24,070	15	0			
Add Excess of Income over Expense		3,255	14	0			
					6,27,326	13	0
Departmental:							
Adyar Library	...	1,88,097	10	9			
Engineering Department	...	46,960	2	9			
Garden Department...	...	9,956	10	8			
Vasanta Press	...	38,088	14	0			
					2,83,103	6	2
						9,10,430	3 2
Funds (see notes below)							
Of the Society Interest Bearing:							
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a)		1,22,783	0	10			
Adyar Library Building Fund (b)		1,27,786	6	3			
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (c)		4,23,941	1	7			
Miscellaneous Funds (a)		55,546	9	0			
do. do. (d)		13,479	13	10			
		7,43,536	15	6			
Of the Society Non-Interest Bearing:							
President's Travelling Fund	40,555	2	9				
Pensions & Gratuities Fund	10,920	7	2				
		51,475	9	11			
					7,95,012	9	5
Of Others:							
Interest Bearing	...	66,937	0	8			
Non-Interest Bearing	...	54,494	9	1			
					1,21,431	9	9
						9,16,444	3 2
Sundry Deposits	...	...	...	...		88,617	3 7
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...		1,453	0 9
Adyar Library:							
Miscellaneous Funds	...	...	...	...	5,221	12	7
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	1,039	4	3
Gratuities Reserve	...	...	...	...	4,072	5	4
						10,333	6 2
Reserves:							
For War-deferred Maintenance	...	...	...	...	47,336	0	0
Electrical Line	...	...	...	...	4,000	0	0
Meter and Water Line	...	...	...	...	2,000	0	0
Adyar Day Fund unallocated...	...	...	...	...	432	10	7
						53,768	10 7
Notes.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.							
(b) Interest available for general purposes.							
(c) Interest only available for general purposes.							
(d) Interest only available for specific purposes.							
						19,81,046	11 5

For The Theosophical Society,

C. D. SHORES,

Hony. Treasurer,

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1949

PROPERTY AND ASSETS														
						Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Immovable Property :														
Balance at Oct. 1, 1948														
Lands at Adyar ...						1,93,857	13	0						
Buildings ,, ...						5,24,015	1	0						
<i>Add Improvements during the year</i> ...									7,17,872	14	0			
									33,463	13	0			
									7,51,336	11	0			
<i>Less Depreciation Reserve</i> ...									1,95,137	4	6			
												5,56,199	6	6
Land in Sindh ...												10,000	0	0
Movable Properties Adyar :														
Balance at Oct. 1, 1948									28,142	11	8			
Additions during the year									878	10	6			
									29,021	6	2			
<i>Less Sales</i> ...									167	0	0			
									28,854	6	2			
<i>Less Depreciation Reserve</i> ...									17,984	7	8			
												10,869	14	6
Investments at Cost :														
Government of India (Rs. 6,04,500) 2½% to 4%									6,00,508	15	3			
Madras Provincial Govt. (Rs. 1,16,400) 2½% to 4%									1,16,577	12	5			
Madras Municipal Loan (Rs. 1,000) 4%									1,056	9	0			
United Kingdom 4%									1,77,046	4	1			
Surrender value of Life Insurance Policy									15,000	0	0			
Miscellaneous									6,774	8	3			
												9,16,964	1	0
Interest accrued on Investments...												6,481	10	1
Fees and Dues outstanding (since collected)												1,357	6	11
Sundry Debtors									35,819	1	11			
<i>Less Rentals billed in advance</i> ...									2,708	9	6			
												33,110	8	5
Departmental Assets :														
Electrical Installation <i>less</i> Depreciation												21,075	8	0
Tools, Implements, Utensils and Equipment— <i>less</i> Depreciation									15,792	8	9			
Printing, Machinery and Type									30,460	0	0			
Supplies on hand									62,867	11	11			
Accounts Recoverable and Advances									9,917	5	6			
Cash									588	7	0			
Advance Rentals									168	0	0			
Standing Crops									1,256	13	3			
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium									361	14	0			
Works in Progress									13,305	13	4			
Adyar Library :									1,34,718	9	9			
Manuscripts and Books						1,44,748	14	9						
Furniture—less depreciation						9,300	6	0						
Stock of Publications						55,394	6	0						
Miscellaneous						683	1	3						
									2,10,126	12	0			
Cash :												3,44,845	5	9
Fixed Deposits									2,009	5	6			
In Madras Banks—Current Account									57,774	9	10			
In London Bank do.									951	15	2			
On hand									9,406	15	9			
												80,142	14	3
												19,81,046	11	5

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1949

DISBURSEMENTS			RECEIPTS		
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
To Miss E. M. Amery @ Rs. 165/- p.m. ...	1,980	0 0	By Opening Balance ...	33,228	3 4
„ Miss G. Watkin ...	2,496	0 0	„ Donations, etc. ...	12	8 8
„ Dr. Anna Kamensky ...	2,082	13 9	„ Rent from Manjeri House ...	240	0 0
„ Mr. C. V. Shah @ Rs. 85/- p.m. ...	1,020	0 0	„ Adyar Day Allocation ...	5,000	0 0
„ Miss Helen Veale @ Rs. 200/- p.m. for 11 months and Rs. 126/- for 1 month ...	2,326	0 0	„ Interest ...	662	7 6
„ Mr. L. Subramania Iyer @ Rs. 35/- p.m. ...	420	0 0			
„ Madame P. Cazin @ Rs. 80/- p.m. ...	960	0 0			
„ Mr. C. S. Trilokekar @ Rs. 50/- p.m. ...	600	0 0			
„ Mr. Manjeri S. Rama Iyer @ Rs. 20/- p.m. ...	240	0 0			
„ Contribution to the Clara Codd Pension Fund £25 ...	337	12 0			
„ Money Order Commissions, etc. ...	16	5 6			
„ Balance carried over ...	26,664	4 3			
	<u>39,143</u>	<u>3 6</u>		<u>39,143</u>	<u>3 6</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. Druva Kumar ...	1	0	0
The T.S. in England £50-0-0 ...	660	14	10
Mrs. Kulnar Parakh and Mr. Sohrab Parakh ...	50	0	0
Srimati P. Savitri Ammal ...	1	0	0
D. R. D. ...	25	0	0
Mr. T. H. Vaswani ...	1	0	0
The T.S. in Scotland, £5-5-0 ...	69	10	0
The T.S. in Puerto Rico ...	324	6	0
Contribution from Headquarters ...	3,300	0	0
Total ...	<u>4,432</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949

						Rs.	A.	P.
The Theosophical Society in	U. S. A.	\$1,958.83	...			6,464	2	1
"	England	£253-14-9	...			3,353	8	11
"	India	1947-48	...			1,529	0	0
"	Sweden	1948	...			402	5	0
"	Australia	£39-0-2	...			533	11	0
"	Ireland	£3-4-0	1948-49	...		42	3	6
"	Scotland	£15-3-0	...			201	4	8
"	Canada	1948-49	...			408	6	0
"	Mexico	1948	...			162	6	4
"	South Africa	£18-7-8	...			242	12	7
"	Colombia	\$25.50	...			83	1	3
"	Portugal	£6-0-0	1947-48	...		79	2	9
"	Greece	£8-0-0	...			105	14	0
"	Indonesia	...	...			208	6	9
"	New Zealand	£39-0-2	...			518	1	0
"	Chile	\$40.00	...			188	0	0
"	Philippines	...	...			70	0	0
"	Cuba	\$88.53	...			289	5	9
"	Puerto Rico	...	...			38	15	0
"	Burma	1946 to 49	...			110	0	0
"	France	...	...			277	8	0
"	Switzerland	...	...			393	11	6
Non-Sectionalized Lodges		...	...			578	13	2
The Theosophical Society in	Brazil	...	...			784	15	6
"	Argentina	...	...			407	14	0
"	Netherlands	£232-16-10	...			3,093	13	0
Total						20,567	5	9

THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1949-50

EXPENSE	Budget for 1948-'49	Actuals for 1948-'49	Budget for 1949-'50	INCOME	Budget for 1948-'49	Actuals for 1948-'49	Budget for 1949-'50
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and				Rent Income ...	50,000	53,464	55,000
Wages ...	17,100	17,315	21,000	Conservancy Charges ...	1,270	1,445	1,400
Repairs and Renewals ...	30,000	30,873	30,000	Fees and Dues ...	18,000	20,567	18,000
Garden Expenses ...	26,500	31,991	34,150	Garden Income ...	19,500	25,451	27,560
Lighting and Water ...	3,500	4,164	4,200	Interest (Gross) ...	28,000	29,469	29,000
Miscellaneous ...	4,000	4,041	4,500	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Watch and Ward ...	12,000	13,204	15,055	Donations ...		25,210	
Postages, Telegrams and				Casuarina ...		12,416	
Telephone ...	2,500	2,259	2,500	Special Departments:			
Printing and Stationery ...	3,500	3,761	3,500	Engineering Depart-			
Publications to General				ment ...	1,01,150	1,30,016	1,06,080
Secretaries ...	900	632	900	Laundry ...	8,000	8,160	8,200
Sanitation Expenses ...	4,250	3,511	4,475	Vasanta Press ...	89,000	1,05,166	91,550
Taxes Account ...	11,000	7,819	12,000	Deficit to be made good			
Pensions ...	100	61	100	by Donations	29,050		36,390
Interest on Funds and							
Accounts ...	11,000	9,472	11,000				
Donations to various Funds							
and Accounts ...		12,000					
Convention Travelling							
Expenses ...			1,000				
Convention Account ...	2,000	2,071					
Contributions:							
Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
President's Travelling							
Fund ...	3,300	3,300					
Dispensary ...	2,600	2,657	2,600				
Museum and Archives ...	500	281	500				
Depreciation:							
The School of the Wisdom							
Bhojanasala deficit ...	700	1,609	4,800				
Leadbeater Chambers							
deficit ...	4,500	3,502	2,400				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department...	1,01,150	1,29,745	1,06,080				
Laundry ...	8,000	8,789	8,200				
Vasanta Press ...	89,000	1,03,867	91,550				
Surplus ...		3,256					
	3,51,100	4,18,494	3,80,310		3,51,100	4,18,494	3,80,310

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	
To Stock on hand, 1-10-1948				38,822	6	8	By Sales	...	3,656	11	0
„ Cost of Publications	19,902	12	0				„ Stock on hand, 30-9-1949	...	55,394	6	0
Less Credit	1,800	0	0	18,102	12	0					
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expense Account			...	2,125	14	4					
				59,051	1	0			59,051	1	0

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

ADYAR
17th December, 1949.

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE

EXPENSE

					Rs.	A.	P.
To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	16,739	6	0
" Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	...	296	10	0
" Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	...	831	8	0
" Postages	...	...	...	...	453	13	6
" Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	732	6	0
" Fire Insurance	...	...	...	...	86	11	6
" Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	401	2	6
Total Expense	...	...	...	...	19,541	9	6

					Rs.	A.	P.
" Reserve for Gratuities	...	...	...	...	1,035	0	0
" " Depreciation	...	...	...	...	238	5	0
					1,273	5	0
" Capital Expenditure :							
Manuscripts and Books Purchased	...				476	12	3
" Allocations :							
To the Visitors Charity and General							
Fund as per contra	...	...			1,206	1	2
for Purchase of Books as per contra	...				1,000	0	0

3,956 2 5

23,497 11 11

ADYAR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-49

INCOME

				Rs.	A.	P.
By T.S. Contribution	...	...	...	5,000	0	0
" Adyar Day Allocation	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
" Miscellaneous Donations	...	...	...	98	9	2
" " (Box)	...	...	...	1,206	1	2
" Interest on Endowment Fund	...	...	...	6,283	13	0
" Donation for Purchase of Books	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
" Income from Publications Account	...	...	...	2,125	14	4
				<u>16,714</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Income	...	...	...	16,714	5	8
" Balances—by deduction from Publications Fund	...	6,000	0	0		
" " " " Endowment Fund	...	783	6	3		
				<u>6,783</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Endowment Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,23,566	7	1			
Less Excess of Expense over Income for the year	...	...	...	783	6	3			
							1,22,783	0	10
Building Fund	...	...	...				1,27,786	6	3
<i>Capital Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,87,620	14	6			
Add additions during the year as per contra.	...	...	...	476	12	3			
							1,88,097	10	9
<i>Publications Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Add donations received during the year	...	...	...	7,200	14	0			
				7,300	14	0			
Less applied to Income Account	...	...	...	6,000	0	0			
							1,300	14	0
<i>Gratuities Reserve :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	3,037	5	4			
Add Additions during the year	...	...	...	1,035	0	0			
							4,072	5	4
Book Deposit	...	...	...	...	...	...	440	0	0
<i>Visitors Charity and General Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	2,256	5	3			
Add Additions during the year...	...	...	...	1,206	1	2			
				3,462	6	5			
Less Expenses	...	...	...	541	7	10			
							2,920	14	7
Reserve for purchase of books	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	...	...	599	4	3
							4,49,000	8	0

ADYAR LIBRARY AS AT 30-9-49

ASSETS

Rs. A. P.

Rs. A. P.

Manuscripts and Books:

Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	1,44,272	2	6
Add purchases during the year	...	476	12	3

1,44,748 14 9

Furniture:

Original Value as per last Balance Sheet.	...	10,847	14	0
Less Depreciation Reserve	...	1,547	8	0

9,300 6 0

Stock of Publications on hand
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55,394 6 0

Suspense Advance
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340 10 3

Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium
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173 7 0

Advances to Staff
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149 0 0

Cash on hand
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20 0 0

Balance with the T.S.
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2,38,873 12 0

PUBLICATION ACCOUNT

Balance 1949-50
Rs. 15,000Balance 1948-49
Rs. 18,100Balance 1947-48
Rs. 8,000

4,49,000 8 0

Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & Co.,

Chartered Accountants.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET FOR 1949-50

EXPENSE	Budget for 1948-'49 Rs.	Actuals for 1948-'49 Rs.	Budget for 1949-'50 Rs.	INCOME	Budget for 1948-'49 Rs.	Actuals for 1948-'49 Rs.	Budget for 1949-'50 Rs.
To Salaries and Pensions.	16,200	16,739	*18,350	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	600	832	750	„ Adyar Day, etc. ...	2,500	1,000	2,500
„ Postages ...	300	454	400	„ Miscellaneous and Donation Box ...		1,305	1,500
„ Printing and Station- ery ...	500	732	500	„ Donation for purchase of books ...		1,000	
„ Fire Insurance ...	150	†87	250	„ Interest on Endow- ments ...	6,300	6,284	6,300
„ Contingencies and Miscellaneous ...	100	‡401	150	„ Income from sale of Publication Account.	1,000	2,126	1,500
„ Copying and Compar- ing Charges ...	700	\$297	400		14,800	16,715	16,800
	18,550	19,542	20,800	„ Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	5,850	@6,783	5,840
„ Reserve for Gratuity.	1,350	1,035	1,100				
„ Depreciation ...	250	238	240				
„ Books and Manus- cripts ...	500	477	500				
„ Allocation to Visitors' Charity Fund ...		1,206					
„ Allocation for purchase of books ...		1,000					
	20,650	23,498	22,640		20,650	23,498	22,640

PUBLICATION ACCOUNT

Budget 1948-'49
Rs. 8,000

Actuals 1948-'49
Rs. 18,103

Budget 1949-'50
Rs. 15,000

* Increase in the Budget Estimates for 1949-'50 is to provide for enhanced salaries sanctioned with effect from 1-10-'49.

† This figure represents premium for four months only. Hence provision is made for 1949-'50 for premia for one full year.

‡ The marked increase of actuals under this Head is due to an experimental advertising undertaken during the year in collaboration with T.P.H.

§ The marked decrease of actuals under this Head is mainly due to the scribes being engaged on more outside orders and remunerated from payments received on that account.

@ Increase in deficit is due to the grant from the Adyar Day Collections being reduced to Rs. 1,000 only. The grant for 1947-'48 was Rs. 2,000 from Adyar Day Collections supplemented by a personal donation of Rs. 1,000 from the President, Sri C. Jinarajadasa, who has very kindly contributed Rs. 1,000 as donation towards this year's deficit also.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hony. Director.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This has been an outstanding year in the annals of our National Society, made notable by the visit of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa for the first time in his capacity as President of the Theosophical Society, and by the completion of the tours of Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. N. Sri Ram, which began during the previous season. After attending Conventions and Theosophical conferences in England, Ireland and Europe, the President reached New York City on schedule. It was a fortuitous event that his arrival coincided with the Third Conference of the International Non-Governmental Organizations of the United Nations, to which the Theosophical Society has for the past three years been invited to send delegates. One of Mr. Jinarājadāsa's first activities upon reaching our shores was to attend some of these functions for the first time. Beginning in New York City, the President's tour moved among Theosophical Lodges in the United States and Canada with splendid success. We were tremendously grateful to have him with us for our Sixty-third Annual Convention.

The Sixty-third Annual Convention of this Section was held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago from June 25-28, 1949 with 368 registrations. The theme of the Convention was "Man Progresses to Perfection". The public lecture given during this period was "The Artist in You" by our International President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa. The Summer School and Workers Training Sessions were held at Olcott, the headquarters of the Society at Wheaton, from June 30 to July 13, 1949, with 275 and 144 registra-

tions respectively. The highlight of the Summer School was the talks by Mr. Jinarājadāsa on the "First Principles of our Wisdom". The theme chosen for the Workers Training Sessions was "Strengthen the Form to Channel More Life", Mr. E. Norman Pearson, the National Vice-President acting as Chairman. One of the new ideas developed during these meetings was "The Children's Workshop", which has in mind the development of ways and means of teaching and working with children. After the Summer Sessions, Mr. Jinarājadāsa spent some time at Olcott and left the U. S. A. en route to Adyar on September 21, speaking to members in New York before embarking on the *Queen Elizabeth*. On July 8th we also bade farewell to John Coats who has been touring this Section for the past three years and who is now serving in New Zealand. All the members in this Section will miss him and we are grateful to him for his work here.

Membership.—Total new members for the year ending September 30, 1949 was 430, together with 96 reinstatements and 9 transfers from other Sections. Deaths during the same period were 73, Resignations 99, Transfers 2, and 289 were placed on the Inactive List. The total Active Membership as on September 30, 1949 stood at 4,103. Eight new Lodges, with a total of 93 charter members, were established as a result of the Field Expansion activities and four Lodges were dissolved, leaving a total of 146 Lodges in the Section.

Field Work.—There has been widespread appreciation from all parts of

the Section for the lectures and work of Mr. and Mrs. Coats, as well as from those Lodges visited in the continued tours of Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. N. Sri. Ram during the autumn of 1948. Other Lodges were visited by Mrs. Nedra Ruder in connection with the Spotlight work, and by Mr. Seymour Ballard and Miss Bertha Williams of the National Headquarters staff. Mr. Edwin N. Lord, the Treasurer, has travelled to Lodges in the Michigan and Ohio Federations, and Mr. E. Norman Pearson, National Vice-President, has visited Lodges in St. Louis, the Michigan and Middle Atlantic Federations. In the late spring and just prior to Convention, we have had the memorable visits of the President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa. During the month of September, 1949, Miss Ann Kerr, the National Secretary, and Mr. Seymour Ballard commenced speaking tours throughout the field.

Spotlight Expansion Activity.—The Spotlight Expansion activity maintained a strenuous schedule throughout the year. Mrs. Nedra Ruder made four circuit tours in the Middle Atlantic, Ohio, Michigan and Southern California Federations. Out of the classes organized, eight new Lodges were formed, with a net gain of 159 new or reinstated memberships. This work has been resumed this autumn with Mrs. Ruder working first in the Northeast Federation. The Spotlight activity has been supplemented by the use of Radio Broadcasts, the first series taking place in Worcester, Mass. during Mrs. Ruder's Spotlight work in the Northeast Federation. Similar experiments are to follow in Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Other radio broadcasts were presented during the year and are continuing with the assistance of Miss Olga Kaufmann of Covington, Louisiana, over station WTPS of New Orleans. A Sunday morning quarter-hour broadcast period was purchased, and at that time Theo-

sophy was on the air. A number of enquirers who wrote to the station and to Miss Kaufmann were furnished with copies of the broadcasts, and it was felt that some of the unusually large attendance at Mr. Jinarājadāsa's public lecture in New Orleans was undoubtedly due to interest which had been created as a result of these broadcasts.

Financial.—At its annual meeting last year, the National Board examined and approved as usual a budget for the year's operation, and our Treasurer, Mr. Edwin N. Lord, has submitted to the Board quarterly financial reports showing comparative figures for both the budgetted and actual items of income and expense. We found it necessary to budget an increased deficit for this year because our foreseeable income from dues does not balance expenses. However, the deficit has been met through donations, and the present figures indicate that income will exceed budget by a comfortable margin. I am happy, therefore, to report that the Society's financial condition remains satisfactory, and we are able fully to carry on our work.

Dept. of Information.—During our past fiscal year, 17,500 publicity leaflets have been distributed to approximately 1,000 enquirers. This represents a jump of 30 percent in the number of leaflets that have been distributed this year. Of the enquirers, twenty-two have joined the Society. New book placements have been increased from 286 in 1948 to 900 volumes during this past year, under a fund provided by a special donation for placing Theosophical books in public, college and prison libraries. This fund is also financing a new project for placement of Theosophical literature in Veterans' Administration Hospital libraries.

Miscellaneous.—Approximately 500 people made use of the Library at the National Headquarters, many of whom are non-members. Over 200 new volumes—mainly Theosophical books—

have been added to the shelves, and the Reference Section has been further enlarged by adding new books and by transferring from the Lending Section some books which are valuable and now out of print. Copies of the National Library catalogue were sold to 122 people. About 2,700 books were circulated during the year.

During the past year, 508 lesson leaflets of the *Correspondence Course, Theosophy At Work*, were mailed to 131 students. Of these, 25 students have submitted a total of 78 lesson papers to the Correspondence Course teacher for correction and/or comment. In addition, five students have received assistance on lesson material submitted on the *Introductory Course in Theosophy*.

The leaflet *Discovery* continues to be in demand, approximately 98,000 having been circulated during a nine-months period.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Viva Emmons, the *Olcott Foundation* manifested considerable activity during the past year, with one or more entries being received in each of the seven divisions. While the judges made no award in the Olcott Lecture Division, awards were announced during the 1949 Convention for Poetry, Children's Story, Drama, Musical Composition, and Article for *The Theosophist* (Adyar). Miss Joy Mills is Chairman of this Committee for the coming year 1949-50.

The Theosophical Book Gift Institute has continued its important service, placing Theosophical books in public, university, college, prison, reformatory and Veterans' Administration libraries throughout the country. Over the period since its inception in September 1945 through May 1949, the Institute has placed 6,596 Theosophical books in 1,418 libraries scattered in every state in the Union and in Hawaii.

Mrs. Flavia B. Snyder, President of *The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind*, reports that the new Library

and Administrative building of the association at Ojai was completed in January, 1949, just one year after ground was broken. The circulation of the quarterly Braille Magazine has increased—sixty-five more copies being circulated quarterly than last year. Seven members have been added during the year, making a total of fifty-six blind members to whom another monthly publication is also sent—The Members' Supplement.

After fifteen years of activity, Mrs. Muriel Lauder Lewis, Director of *The Mothers' Research Group*, reports unmistakable evidence of increasingly widespread interest in the Group's work in this country and abroad, more members having been enrolled during the past season than in any previous year.

The Theosophical Press, under the direction of Miss Lola Fauser, has had an excellent year, with an approximate 10 per cent increase in gross sales over last year's. Since no newly produced or outstanding title was published and offered in quantities that would boost sales, the increase represents a consistent distribution of effort throughout the year.

Adyar Theosophist.—There have been fewer subscriptions to the *Adyar Theosophist*. I hope that during the coming year Lodges will renew and new Lodges will undertake to supply subscriptions to the international magazine to local public libraries and that new members will become acquainted with the excellence of our journal from Adyar. The National Headquarters can make certain that all new Lodges receive introductory gift copies.

European Relief Project.—The Parcels Project, which has been a large item of activity since the close of the War, came to an end officially on June 30 of this year. Beginning on a small scale, this activity grew to the extent where contributions totalling approximately \$ 19,000 were sent to Olcott by

Lodges and members for relief work during the three and a half years of its existence. A total of 2,550 parcels of food and clothing, as well as several large freight shipments were packed at Olcott and sent to Theosophists in 12 different countries of Europe. In addition, 540 parcels were sent through C.A.R.E. and similar agencies. Other bulk shipments included 9,200 pounds of food, such as bags of flour, rice, sugar, etc. The total weight of goods sent abroad from Olcott and paid for from the contributions amounted to 28 tons. It is estimated that at least equal amounts of food and clothing have been sent in other shipments by Lodges and individual members independently. This material aid given at a time of need and suffering has played its important part in the rehabilitation of the Theosophical Society in Europe.

Adyar Day Collection.—As a result of the Adyar Day collections this year, the substantial sum of \$7,000 has been transmitted to Adyar. Although this amount does not compare with last year's collection of \$12,100, the number of individual subscribers has greatly increased.

A. B. C. Fund.—Donations to the A. B. C. Fund have not come up to what was hoped. Collections through June 30, 1949 for the past fiscal year amounted to \$6,625.87. Since then collections for the months of July, August and September amounted to a total of \$635.75. The members have been urged to give this situation their thought.

The School of the Wisdom.—Attending the School for its opening year are

four workers from the American Section—Mrs. Viva Emmons, Mrs. Ruth McMyler, Mrs. Jane Hogenson and Mrs. Elizabeth Ferrin. There has been established at the Headquarters in this Section The Theosophical Scholarship Fund, which is an outgrowth of the spontaneous and generous Perkins Recovery Fund which came as a result of the accident which befell the General Secretary of this Section in March 1948. This fund has been restored by the amount of \$3,000 to date from insurance monies received. The Section has selected Miss Ann Kerr, the National Secretary, to attend the School of the Wisdom this coming year 1950, the 75th anniversary of the founding of our Society. Miss Kerr is the first student under this Scholarship Fund and it is hoped that this fund may be able to assist other students and workers whom the National Board of Directors approve to attend the School of the Wisdom at Adyar, so that there will be a growing body of Theosophists in this country who have made vital contact with our International Centre in India and with workers and students from the many other Sections of the Theosophical Society.

In closing, I wish to express again on behalf of the members of the Section our gratitude to our International President for his helpful visit during the past year. Though often under trying difficulties and great strain, he left us strengthened and newly inspired with his wisdom, and our affectionate greetings go to all our co-workers at Adyar.

JAMES S. PERKINS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

Active work has been done in the Lodges and Federations throughout the country, which was greatly stimulated by visiting lecturers. The President passed through England on his way to the U.S.A. and Srimati Rukmini Devi spoke at the Annual Convention and visited two provincial centres. The visit of Mr. N. Sri Ram was the occasion of wide publicity in the provinces, which he toured for several weeks, and as the Guest of Honour at the Annual Convention he won the love and respect of all, on account of his simplicity of manner and deep erudition.

The General Secretary attended the International Convention at Adyar, and on her return toured the Section giving lectures on Adyar and arousing a real interest in the work of the International Headquarters.

Several successful Federation Conferences were held with lectures and discussions, in addition to an Easter Week-end at Bournemouth organized by the Southern Federation, and a Students' Week-end at Camberley in July. A Summer School in Hoddesdon, some 30 miles north of London, in August, was attended by about 150 members over a fortnight, and was greatly appreciated by all who visited it. We were especially glad to welcome members from other Sections in Great Britain and from Denmark, Finland, Pakistan and India. The General Secretary and 65 members of the English Section, of whom 12 were National Councillors, attended the European Congress.

In the Section there is an increase in the study activities of the Lodges. Special classes for the study of *The Secret Doctrine* exist at Headquarters and in many of the Lodges, with regular attendances. The study courses issued by Headquarters are also well used both by new members and older students.

A new Lodge in London with the name of International Brotherhood Lodge, with Mr. Jinarājadāsa as one of the founding members, has been formed, and has been very active in study and active work for better understanding of and closer co-operation with the white and coloured peoples. Some meetings have been held in conjunction with the East and West Friendship Council.

On the occasion of an Exhibition of the Religions of the World organized by the Royal Army Education Corps at Lincoln, the Society sent literature and donated a copy of *The Essential Unity of All Religions* to the Exhibition.

Two new pamphlets have been published by the Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd. They are *On Order and Purpose in Evolution*, the Blavatsky Lecture by C. R. Groves, M. Sc., and *Those years of Grandeur—Memories of Annie Besant* by Josephine and Sidney Ransom. There have also been two reprints: *Tao Teh King* translated by Isabella Mears, and a second edition of *Some Unrecognized Factors in Medicine* published for the Theosophical Research Centre.

It was reported at the European Congress that as there is not such an acute need for food and clothing in Germany and Austria any longer, parcels of clothing should be sent to members in Poland and Yugoslavia. An appeal has therefore been made in the Section, with good response, and regular large parcels of clothing are being despatched through the medium of Headquarters and directly from many Lodges.

As a result of the stimulus given by the President, a considerable interest in the work of the United Nations was shown throughout the country. The Charter of Human Rights issued by that organization was sent to all the Lodges and Centres, and was displayed and discussed by most of them. Active

preparations were made in many places for co-operation in publicity with the local United Nations Association.

The Study and Training Committee of the National Council completed an Advanced Study Course which will shortly be available to the Lodges and Centres.

Monthly meetings for children are held at Headquarters. Talks are given by various speakers, a Round Table ceremony takes place and the children borrow books from the recently established Junior Library.

The Headquarters Library proves a very useful means of contacting non-members. Between 400 and 500 non-F. T. S. subscribers use the Library

each year. It has now over 10,000 volumes and is in process of being re-catalogued.

We were grateful for tours made in the Section by Mr. E. Gall, General Secretary for Scotland, Dr. Hugh Shearman, Presidential Agent for Northern Ireland, and Miss J. M. S. Harris of Edinburgh. We continue to have very many welcome visits from members throughout the world. Several young students have been found hospitality with members in England.

The membership stands at 3440 in 116 Lodges.

DORIS GROVES,
General Secretary.

INDIA

The year under report saw many rapid changes in the life of the Indian people. The Indian nation will begin to function for the first time in the year 1950. One of the most important decisions taken by the Constituent Assembly with regard to the future political status of this country has been India's close association with Great Britain as a partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations. Theosophists of India have a particular reason to rejoice in this decision because for many a year our President-Mother, Dr. Besant, fought for the recognition of this political objective as a means of bringing the East and the West together. If India is to fulfil its destiny we of the Theosophical Society in India must work more energetically than we have done so far, bringing the principles of Theosophy to bear upon the national life of this country. While political, economic and social leaders of our country are forging new institutions for Free India, ours is the task to fashion new individuals. Let us address ourselves to this task with

all the enthusiasm that we can command.

International Visitors.—The members of the Bombay Federation were fortunate to meet the President in the Blavatsky Lodge on his way to and returning from America.

Shri N. Sri Ram was also out of India for nearly four months visiting England and France. He presided over the Karnataka Federation sessions at Bangalore and the Tamil Districts Theosophical Conference at Trichinopoly. He also visited Surat, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar and Bombay Lodges during the year. We hope Shri N. Sri Ram will be able to give more time for tours in India during the coming year.

Srimati Rukmini Devi presided over the Andhra Circars Federation which met at Vizianagram. She also visited Vizagapatam, Kakinada, Tapeswaram and Ellore Lodges in this Federation.

We are indeed very grateful to the President, Shri N. Sri Ram and Shrimati Rukmini Devi for all the help they

have given us in the work of the Theosophical Society in India.

General Secretary and Joint General Secretaries.—During the year Srimati Shridevi Mehta and I visited Lodges in Bihar, United Provinces, Central India-Rajputana, Gujarat-Kathiawar, Bombay, Kerala and North-Western Federations. I presided over the United Provinces Federation meeting at Lucknow. We were also able to help in the work of the Youth Camp at Broach and a Workers' gathering at Bhavnagar.

Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla, the Joint General Secretary of the Indian Section for the West, visited during the year Surat, Broach, Baroda, Navsari, Poona and Bombay Lodges thus covering most of the important Lodges in his Division.

Shri Radha Kant Sharan, the Joint General Secretary for the East, visited a number of Lodges in the Bihar and the United Provinces Federations. He also visited Calcutta and a few Lodges of the Andhra Circars Federation.

Shri C. R. Kamath, the Joint General Secretary for the South, took charge of his duties only in May and during the five months of his secretaryship visited Bezwada, Ellore, Rajamundry, Dowlaiswaram, Tapeswaram, Kakinada in Andhra Circars Federation. He also visited a number of Lodges in the Karnataka Federation and presided over two district conferences in that area.

Field-Workers.—During the year Shri Keshavchandra Bhadbhade, one of the field-workers of the Indian Section, did intensive touring work in the Central India and Rajputana Federation. He devoted two and a half months to this Federation visiting practically all the Lodges in this area. During the rest of the year he did office work at Banaras training himself for different sections of office work.

Shri Bhupatray Mehta has been devoting himself to work in Gujarat.

Membership.—The membership of the Indian Section as on 30th September 1949 stands at 7062. During the

year 671 new members joined the Theosophical Society in India and 114 dormant members revived their membership—thus there was an addition of 785 in the membership of the Section. Due to the partition of the country into India and Pakistan the members in the Pakistan Area have been removed from the roll of the Indian Section. We have thus lost 299 members who have been transferred to the Pakistan Section. During the year 69 members died, 55 resigned and 854 had to be dropped for non-payment of annual dues for two years. Our active membership therefore stands at 7062.

On our membership roll this year we have created a new class of temporary membership, called the "Refugees". These refugee members number 442. These have been classed as refugees because we have not been able to trace their present addresses after their migration from Pakistan. We are making strenuous efforts to find out their whereabouts but so far we have met with very little success.

I must state here that the collection of annual dues in almost all the Federations was very poor during this year with the result that in all the Federations quite a large number of members have been dropped. In this connection mention must be made of the Bihar Federation and the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists, where more than 53% of the members have not paid their annual dues during the year.

Our country is at present passing through a very acute economic crisis and this has hit very hard men and women belonging to the higher as well as the lower middle classes. The membership of the Theosophical Society is mainly drawn from these classes and so this economic factor is to a certain extent responsible for the failure to pay annual dues.

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP CHART

Federation and Lodge	Members on 1 Oct. '48	Add			Total	Deduct				Total on 1 Oct. '49	Men	Women	Paid up to				Life members	Free members	Members at concession rate	Dues, excluding new and revived members			
		New	Transferred	Revived		Died	Transferred	Revived	Dropped out				1947	1948	1949	1950				Collect- ed Rs.	To be collect- ed Rs.	Percentage of members in arrears	
Andhra Circars	...	977	96	14	1087	12			97	978	784	194	113	259	583	17	1	5	59	1085/8	1045/-	38	
Bengal	...	311	12		323	1	91	5	20	206	182	24	23	30	128	12	8	5		272/-	175/8	26	
Bihar	...	396	28	12	436	5			107	324	294	30	78	93	126	20	1	6		307/8	550/8	53	
Bombay	...	388	25	5	418	3	1	8	10	396	203	193	10	29	251	22	79	5	2	487/8	103/-	10	
C. I. and Rajputana	...	225	24	3	252	2		3	15	232	180	52	11	33	156	14	12	6		331/8	122/8	18	
Gujarat-Kathiawar	...	703	90	1	802	2		13	42	745	554	191	57	82	549	22	31	4	1	1094/8	439/8	19	
Karnataka	...	782	58	7	847	3			54	790	578	212	93	214	450	23	7	3		812/-	843/-	39	
Kerala	...	155	2	2	159	3		1	9	146	124	22	32	52	51	7	1	3		115/-	235/-	58	
Marathi	...	255	12	2	269	5		3	20	241	194	47	27	30	148	24	12			663/-	369/-	24	
North-Western	...	160	28	2	190	1	23		19	147	131	16	7	36	79	16	9			406/-	243/-	30	
Rayalaseema	...	442	66	19	527	3		2	84	438	365	73	88	114	209	8	11	8	2	416/8	635/-	46	
Tamil	...	681	83	5	30	799	19	4	1	95	680	579	101	55	96	410	93	23	3	18	1034/-	476/8	22
Unattached	...	300	8	23	1	332	3	65	7	44	213	170	43	10	7	112	16	63	5	4	603/-	95/-	
Youth	...	679	99	7	785		22 OA	1	163	523	388	135	123	155	234	7	4			525/-	1328/-	53	
United Provinces	...	611	40	2	653	6		11	75	561	457	104	63	84	311	66	30	7	1	765/8	488/8	26	
Refugees	...	299		253		552	1	109		442	375	67		429	1		12						
Total	...	7364	671	282	114	8431	69 22 OA	369	55	854	7062	5558	1504	790	1743	3798	367	304	60	87	8918/8	7149/-	37

O.A. : Over-age

Lodges and Centres.—As on 30th September 1949 the Indian Section had within its jurisdiction 419 chartered Lodges and Centres. During the year 18 Lodges and Centres have been newly started. These are: Ratlam, Pilani, Junagadh, Maninagar, Palanpur, Kodlapur, Nittur, Gandhinagar, Kovvur, Pedapudi, Rayalam, Delhi-Sevadharm, Tiruchengode, Kadayam, Banaras-Kabir Chaura Youth Lodge, Kakinada Youth Lodge, Bhavnagar Youth Lodge and Chodavaram Youth Lodge.

The following Lodges which were dormant were revived during the year: Akkeed, Ranchi, Goona, Ratnagiri, Badvel, Koilkandangudi, Turaiyur, Ramnad and Fyzabad.

The Theosophical Society in India can be compared only to the Indian National Congress in regard to the network of branches it has all over the country. The Lodges and Centres of the Theosophical Society are spread all over this vast subcontinent. With such a network of branches the Theosophical Society in India holds within its power tremendous force for the reconstruction of this land. In the wake of India's freedom our people in this country are passing through a phase of moral degeneration. This was inevitable, for we have concerned ourselves only with mere institutional changes and have completely neglected the individual factor.

Our Lodges and Centres must reorganize their activities so that they may be able to present to India the life-giving message that it so urgently needs.

Our Work in Delhi.—Delhi is the capital of India. It is necessary that we have a strong movement of the Theosophical Society in this great city. When I visited Delhi in last April I suggested to our workers there to plan out their work in such a manner that we may soon be in a position to have a Federation for Delhi, just as we have

in Bombay. I am glad to report that this suggestion was taken up most enthusiastically by our workers in Delhi so that now, with Simla, there are seven Theosophical Lodges functioning in this capital of India.

North-Western Federation.—With the Delhi Lodges forming themselves into a separate Federation the future of the North-Western Federation will have to be carefully considered. Without Delhi Lodges the North-Western Federation will have only Jammu and Srinagar Lodges, as Theosophical work in East Punjab has yet to start. For some time the Jammu and Srinagar Lodges will have to be regarded as Lodges attached to the Headquarters of the Indian Section as it will not be possible to include them in any of the Provincial Federations. So long as the political issue of Kashmir remains unsettled this position will have to continue, unless in the meanwhile our movement in East Punjab gathers strength and we are able to form a Kashmir and East Punjab Federation.

Students of Theosophy.—For the strengthening of our work in India we need more students of Theosophy. During recent times the study of Theosophy has been relegated to the background and the effect of this is to be seen in the shape of paucity of workers in Lodges and Federations. To a certain extent our allied activities have proved a distraction to many of our Theosophical workers. Direct Theosophical work is being sacrificed for the sake of developing some branches of our allied activities. In spite of this it is very gratifying to note that some Federations have awakened to the need of direct Theosophical work and have been organizing Study Camps for this purpose. While this is admirable we need greater emphasis on study in our Lodges. It is at the level of Lodges that we need the re-introduction of Theosophical studies in an intensive manner.

The School of the Wisdom.—On 17th November 1949 the School of the Wisdom was started at Adyar. It is a matter of great happiness to us that this School is in India so that a number of our Indian Section members will be able to take advantage of it. At the first session of the School nine members of the Indian Section have been admitted as students. As the work of the School progresses I have no doubt there will be more Indian members attending.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—At the 1947 Banaras Convention the Theosophical Order of Service was revived in India. In the course of the last two years it has made fairly good progress. Branches of the Order have been established at various places in India.

The Indian Section Handbook.—In the course of this year the Indian Section Handbook was issued and I am very happy to state that it has received great appreciation from Indian workers as also from workers in England, America, Australia and New Zealand. It is proposed to publish shortly a book entitled: *What to Read*, for the guidance of our workers in Lodges and Federations. We are living in a civilization in which the intellectual capacities of the people have been greatly developed. To present Theosophy to an intellectual people is an extremely difficult matter. And yet we have to do it. For this purpose our workers will have to familiarize themselves with modern political, economic, social, scientific, psychological and philosophical trends and examine them with reference to the teachings of Theosophy. It is to help our workers along these lines that this book has been planned.

Youth Federation.—While the Indian Section has 13 Provincial Federations affiliated to it, there is one Federation which is on an All-India basis and that is the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists. This Federation has existed now for more

than 25 years and has had several ups and downs in its life. Being an All-India Federation it has a number of administrative and organizational problems which have never been satisfactorily solved during the course of the last quarter of a century. This is not due to any inefficiency on the part of its workers but due to the peculiar position of this Federation. Firstly, being a Youth Federation, it naturally cannot have retired people as workers, who may be in a position to give their full time to its activities. The workers of the Federation have themselves to earn their living and so they can give only their part-time services to the work of the Federation. It must be said to the credit of the Youth Federation that its workers, at great personal sacrifice, have carried on the work of the Federation with enthusiasm and efficiency. But the Youth Federation is so constituted that it must have full-time workers if it is to develop and grow into a strong Youth Movement. Under the present financial circumstances it is impossible to provide maintenance to full-time workers and so we must rest content with part-time workers. These part-time workers of the Youth Federation cannot give sufficient attention to the work which has as its field the whole of India. The result of this has been that it has not been possible for Youth workers regularly to visit their Lodges. Every year large numbers of Youth Federation members have to be dropped for failure to pay annual dues for two or three years continuously. Fortunately 100 or 150 new members come every year into the Federation but then there is no continuity of membership and a very small percentage of the members of the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists join adult Lodges after they are over age. Thus, more than 70% of these Young Theosophists are lost to the Theosophical Society after they have completed 30 years or age.

While this is true, it is also necessary to bear in mind that we do need a strong Youth Movement within the Theosophical Society. We also need some machinery whereby young people can easily be approached for the work of the Theosophical Society. We have to find some solution to this problem and the solution must be such that young people may have full expression and yet, at the same time, they may be trained for Theosophical work by being in the main current of the Theosophical movement.

Finances.—Before I close this part of my report I wish to say a few words about the financial position of the Indian Section. The price of everything having risen several times and our income more or less remaining on the pre-war level has made our financial position extremely precarious. This is the case with many of our Provincial Federations also. But we do not seem to realize that institutions like ours can never run on merely the subscriptions we get from members. Our annual subscription is much too low to meet our requirements. Such institutions as the Theosophical Society must depend on the generous and voluntary donations of its members and sympathizers. So many religious organizations in India have no subscriptions at all but they go on because of the voluntary donations received from members and others. In the Theosophical Society we must cultivate this practice of voluntary donations in order to maintain our Movement.

Our members must realize that their duty to the Theosophical Society is not over just because they have paid their annual dues. Something more is required from each member. It is on this "Something More" that the future of the Theosophical Society in India depends. With seven thousand members and many more sympathizers it should not be difficult for us to collect one lakh of rupees a year.

Work at the Indian Section Headquarters.—During the year the work at the Section Headquarters has gone on steadily and smoothly. Within the means at our disposal we are trying to maintain the estate in as good a condition as possible. In all the work of the estate management I have in Shri Damodar Prasad a very able and experienced colleague.

I regret very much to say that one of our very valued workers at Section Headquarters, Dr. R. V. Phansalkar, has been laid up with a stroke of paralysis for the last eight months. We all miss him very much in all our work for he has been one of the most faithful and steady workers at the Banaras Headquarters.

The Indian Section Office.—At the Indian Section Office I have had the most loyal co-operation of Bro. Henry van de Poll, Shri Piarelal Bhargava, Shrimati Savitri Advani, Shri N. K. Bhide and Shri Ramnath Dandekar. The work in the office has grown very much and we have not sufficient staff to cope with this growing volume of work.

The Indian Book Shop.—During the year due to many import restrictions we were not able to get books from America to the same extent as before. This has affected our business to a certain extent, still we are getting more and more regular customers and the Indian Book Shop is recognized as one of the best book concerns in the United Provinces and Bihar. Our business turnover during the year was Rs. 15,611/15/3. Shri G. R. Venkataram is the Manager of the Book Shop and he is assisted by Shri R. C. Verma.

We have undertaken publication of Hindi books. A translation in Hindi of *Talks on At the Feet of the Master* will be published before the Convention. Shri Panda Baijnath's Hindi translation of *The Nature of Mysticism* is also in the press and will be out early next year.

The Indian Section Library.—The Indian Section Library is being gradually enlarged. We have now in the Library about 11,000 volumes. The Library is being made use of by a fairly large number of young people. There is a Reading Room attached to it where a number of Indian and foreign periodicals and newspapers are put for the benefit of the public. The Library has been recognized as a Public Library and is receiving grants both from U. P. Government and the Banaras Municipality.

Srimati Radha Sri Ram is the Librarian and she is assisted by Shri S. A. Hajare.

The Besant Theosophical School.—The Besant Theosophical School has completed this year its tenth year of existence. It has now become a big institution with nearly 560 students. It is a co-educational institution and has earned for itself a very high position in the educational circles of U. P. In this school we have classes from the Montessori to the Matriculation. The results at the Matriculation examination this year, like the previous year, have been very fine, 60% of our students obtaining first class. The school celebrates all the important Theosophical, Religious and National Days and these celebrations prove to be a most effective means of imparting religious education to children.

Last year the School received a grant of Rs. 11,400/- from the U. P. Government. With this grant and fees, and also some donations, we are able to meet our recurring expenses. I feel that the School is no longer a financial burden to the Section so far as its recurring expenses are concerned. The Section at present gives to the School a donation of Rs. 2,000/- every year but it gets back more than this amount by rent. And so I am in a position to state that after ten years the school has

definitely become self-supporting with regard to its running expenses.

The Besant Theosophical School, Banaras, is the only institution in India run by the Theosophical Society and as such it has every claim upon the active help of Theosophists all throughout the country.

The school is under the direction of Shri N. V. Tampi who is a very efficient Principal and who spares no effort in making the school draw closer and closer to the ideals for which it has been established. He has under him a fine band of young men and women who are working with great enthusiasm.

Distinguished Visitors.—During the year a number of distinguished visitors visited the Indian Section Headquarters. Among these were Sir H. P. Modi, the Governor of U. P. and Lady Modi. The Hon'ble Shri Jagjivan Ram, the Minister for Labour, Government of India, Shrimati Hansa Mehta, the Vice-Chancellor of the Baroda University, and Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar, the eminent scientist of India.

I take this opportunity of thanking all my co-workers who have given their willing services for the work of the community at the Indian Section Headquarters.

The Federations.—Throughout the Federations members have been active in all branches of Theosophical and allied activities.

Study and Propaganda have been carried on through lectures, conferences and camps.

Educational Work has been done in the numerous schools run by members, while others have devoted time to *Social Work* and *Animal Welfare*.

Meetings of the *Order of the Round Table* and of the *Mystic Star* have been held and the *Bharata Samaj Puja* has been performed daily or weekly, at many places.

THE WORK BEFORE US

A report of the General Secretary should not be merely a record of past events, it must also give indications of the future.

1. *Consolidation of our Movement.*—For this purpose it is necessary for us to enlist the services of all full-time and part-time workers that are available and are willing to give honorary work. These workers must move about constantly in our Lodges—not paying hurried visits—giving help and guidance to our Lodge workers. We need all types of workers for this.

2. *Greater Activity in our Lodges.*—From among those who come into the Theosophical Society a very small percentage is really interested in serious study. Most of our members are attracted by the Ideal of Brotherhood and want to give practical expression to that Ideal. We should in the coming years keep a balance between Study and Action in our Lodge work.

3. *Training of Young Workers.*—How can the Young Theosophists' Movement play a more active part in the work of the Theosophical Society in India? I feel that the time has come when the Young Theosophists' Movement must take stock of the situation and if need be revise its plan of work. From my personal experience I have come to the conclusion that the Young Theosophists' Movement in India will grow into a powerful movement only when it becomes an integral part of our Theosophical work in this country. I have suggested that Youth Lodges in India should be affiliated to Provincial Federations and that instead of a separate Youth Federation in India there should be an All-India Committee of Youth concerning itself only with propaganda work among youth. I am of opinion that Youth Lodges should exist, as they will give opportunities to youth to express themselves. Besides, Youth Lodges will provide a necessary

training ground to young people in the work of organization and administration. Since every Lodge is autonomous there will be no interference in the work of youths so far as Youth Lodges are concerned. Now, if these Youth Lodges are affiliated to Provincial Federations they will be able to take an active part in Provincial Federations. Young Theosophists will have a chance of being elected to Federation Councils and of becoming Federation Secretaries. Thus they will be able to shoulder responsible offices in the Theosophical Society. I feel that this is the only way of training new workers.

4. *Systematic Study and Research.*—We need in India not only young workers who will do their work enthusiastically but also workers who have studied Theosophy and can present Theosophical truths to different types of people.

In the Indian Section we have introduced from this year a simple study course to be given to new members along with their diplomas. The course is for a period of five years and each year a new instalment of this course will be given. It is yet too early to judge whether this course will produce the desired effect so far as our work is concerned. But we must make an organized and a systematic effort towards intensifying the study of the Ancient Wisdom. With the School of the Wisdom having been started, the spirit of that School must pervade our Lodges and Federations. To this end: (1) Our Lodge study classes must be made more systematic and better organized; (2) There should be more study camps in our various Federations—but study camps with a purpose of creating new workers; (3) There should be inter-provincial refresher courses for workers; (4) There should be Regional Workers' camps organized in the course of the year preferably in Banaras, Bombay, Delhi and Adyar, and (5) There should be a Research Group

started consisting of a few students of Theosophy whose work will be to publish articles and transactions on different aspects of the Ancient Wisdom. I do hope it will be possible for us to make a beginning along this line during the year 1950 so that we may have little Schools of the Wisdom everywhere drawing inspiration from the main School of the Wisdom.

5. *Co-ordinated Educational Work.*

—In the Indian Section we have been working in the educational field for the last more than 50 years—ever since Dr. Besant started the Central Hindu College. In fact education has been the main feature of our work in India. In the course of last 50 years many schools and colleges have been started by Theosophists in this country—some of them have been closed down while some are still functioning. We have at present in India nearly 25 educational institutions run by Theosophists; there are others which are not actually run by Theosophists but draw their inspiration from Dr. Besant. Those who are working in these different educational institutions are still in the forefront of National Education in this country. We hold a distinct position in the educational field of India—and yet, unfortunately, we do not exercise that influence in the educational field which we ought to do by virtue of our work during the last half century. This is partly because at present our educational efforts are scattered and not properly co-ordinated. Each institution is working separately, collecting funds, experimenting on different lines but having no contact with other educational institutions run by Theosophists in other towns or provinces. Our educational effort needs co-ordination. To this end I suggest that we must make definite efforts to

establish a Federation of all our educational institutions. This will be our Educational Fellowship. The functions of such a Fellowship will be: (1) To study educational problems in the light of our experience and to establish an exchange of views and opinions on educational matters; (2) To call periodically All-India and/or Provincial or Regional conferences to discuss educational problems; (3) To organize refresher courses for teachers working in these institutions; (4) To educate public opinion for the recognition of the educational ideals for which we stand and (5) To do all that is possible to help the work of educational reconstruction in India for the creation of integrated individuals and therefore right citizens in this country.

I feel that we should take our educational work more seriously than we have done so far. Through education it is possible for us to render unique services to our country.

These are just a few suggestions which I place before the members of the Indian Section for their consideration. Consolidation of our movement, varied activities in our Lodges especially for Right Citizenship, Training of Young Workers, Systematization of our studies and Co-ordination of our educational work—these are some of the lines along which we must proceed for the strengthening of our work in India. The year 1950 is the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Indian Section. Let us throw ourselves heart and soul—each one of us—into this work during the coming year so that through our combined efforts we may be able to make the Theosophical Society a vital force in the life of our country.

ROHIT MEHTA,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Convention.—The King and the Queen who were expected to visit Sydney last Easter, 1949, synchronizing with the Australian Convention, cancelled their visit because of the King's illness, so that Sydney was deprived of the presence of Their Majesties. The President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, was also due at Easter and would have presided over Convention, but was unable to arrange a passage. Nor will he attend the 1950 Convention in Melbourne, having indicated that he is remaining in Adyar during the whole of the year.

A large group came over from Melbourne for Convention. There was a superabundance of goodwill and everything went smoothly. Mr. J. L. Davidge was re-elected General Secretary.

The theme of Convention was "One World". The discussion stressed the Theosophical Society's mission of the unification of mankind—"the imperishable nucleus of Universal Brotherhood in the mind of the Society working its divine magic in the world-mind", as one of the speakers phrased it. From the discussion emerged the General Secretary's proposal that members throughout the Section should dedicate a few minutes, even a single minute, daily to the helping of the Nation's larger life and the World's peace through a concerted and concentrated effort of meditation.

An outstanding feature of the Convention was the unanimous decision of all the Lodges to acquire a substantial share-holding in the T. S. Building Company Ltd., which owns the premises in which the Section Headquarters are situated in Sydney. This is a very significant decision in regard to the future of the Australian Section, since the acquisition of these shares is a step towards the future goal when it is hoped that the Section will control the Company and thus secure the building

as its permanent Australian Headquarters. Convention authorized the Section to purchase shares from the sale of Government stock, and this has already been done.

The present situation is that, with the help of other shareholders faithful to the work of Theosophy, the move initiated by Convention will prevent the future policy of the Company from being diverted to ends that might be harmful to the Society. The Chairman of Convention remarked that this transaction "will mark a stage from which the Theosophical Society in Australia will date their progress in the march forward".

Convention resolved to incorporate the Section as a non-profit-making Company with Memorandum and Articles of Association following as closely as possible the existing Rules of the Section, the Company to be immediately registered so as to be available for a change of constitution to be resolved upon at next Convention in 1950. This will make the Section a legal entity and enable it to hold and receive property more conveniently than it can do at present under the Australian Section Theosophical Trust Limited.

The Section dues were increased by 5/- per member, making the dues for attached members 13/- and for unattached members 19/-. This increase makes permanent the voluntary contribution of 5/- fixed by the preceding Convention.

The Australian Section Fund raised during 1948 a total of £603-16-9, comprising £420-1-6 in donations through the Lodges and £183-15-3 in voluntary dues. (This was approximately two-thirds of the total objective of £1,000). Convention resolved to carry on the Fund in 1949 in order to cover a small budget deficit.

Broadcasting.—A new agreement with Station 2GB Sydney eliminating the three day-time sessions and extending the Sunday night session at 9.30 p.m. for twenty years, from 1948 to 1968, was approved by Convention. This arrangement is regarded as giving the Society a more favourable time and a longer hold into the future.

Convention reapproved the principle of sending a member of the Australian Section to the School of the Wisdom, Adyar, "as and when circumstances permit." The first Australian to join the School was Miss Doris Clarke, book depot manager of Brisbane Lodge, who went on her own initiative, leaving Sydney by the *Stratheden* on September 30. Bishop Banks of New Zealand was travelling to Adyar by the same steamer.

Among the visitors to Convention was the Rt. Rev. S. S. Fisher, stalwart of Perth Lodge; his last previous visit to Sydney was 24 years ago. He was very much impressed with the strength of the work here. His contribution to it was a continuous stream of mature reflections on the Theosophical way of life and a rare gift of friendship. He spent a busy four months in the State capitals.

Membership.—The Section membership at 30-9-49 stands at 1026 as compared with 1016 in 1948 and 982 in 1947. There is one Lodge less, the total being now 14; Western Suburbs handed back its Charter, most members having left the neighbourhood, but they are remaining in the Society.

Several stalwarts passed over during the year, among them Mr. John Mackay, retired grazier, who generously supported every phase of the work for many years and was finally Mr. Krishnamurti's agent in Australia; Miss Jessie Macdonald, co-principal of the Garden

School, North Sydney, a pioneer in co-education; and Mr. F. G. Gregory Hynes, for many years prominent in the work of Melbourne Lodge.

The Section Office lost the services of Mrs. Fortune, who for health reasons returned to Perth and was immediately succeeded by Mrs. Halsey, just arrived from Adyar, where she had already worked with Mr. Davidge in the Press Department.

Donations of books from Lodges now total 800, making the nucleus of a national library of over 1000 books.

Propaganda.—The Section Office is issuing new pamphlets cleaving to the classics of C. Jinarājadāsa, Dr. Besant and others. Mr. Russell Lloyd Jones, a member of this Section resident in the U. S. A., has donated numerous Theosophical books to Lodge libraries, public libraries in the State capitals, and to prominent citizens.

The Section journal has maintained its quality and with the June-August issue circulated a colour-portrait of the Lord Buddha, reproducing an original in oils painted by Miss Florence A. Fuller which hangs in the Section Office. The reproduction has been widely appreciated.

Next World Congress.—The invitation to hold the next World Congress in Australia was considered by the General Council at Adyar, 1948, and the opinion was expressed that 1951, the date suggested, is too near to 1950 when the 75th year of the Theosophical Society is celebrated. The Council appreciated Australia's invitation and resolved to ascertain the wishes of members as a whole, the invitation to be further dealt with by General Council in Banaras, 1949.

J. L. DAVIDGE,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The activity in the Lodges has been continued during the year, many of them giving regularly, more or less, public lectures. In the beginning of 1949 a special effort was made in Stockholm. In the well known hall of the Medical Society a series of five public lectures was given, the titles being, "Is there a Plan behind Existence?", "Why must Life be so Difficult?" and "Is there really a Life after Death?" The lectures that were well advertised through posters, circular letters and in the newspapers, attracted large audiences, the hall of 250 being crowded, and one of the lectures had to be given over again. This was followed up later by question and answer meetings in the Society's premises.

A further activity was the summer school, held in August in the country estate of a Swedish youth movement at the sea, south of Stockholm. Both members and non-members were present, and all took part in the many discussion meetings and study groups. The enriching exchange of ideas in these and in gatherings with members of the host youth movement gave to this summer school a special atmosphere of joint searching.

In the beginning of May the Section had a very much appreciated visit by Srimati Rukmini Devi, who among other things gave to us a very inspir-

ing talk on the educational work in the earlier days of the Society and at present in Adyar. Srimati Rukmini Devi was accompanied by Mr. J. E. van Dissel, President of the European Federation, and in connection with this visit the Annual Convention was held.

In October last year we were glad to receive Mr. Otto Viking from Denmark, who gave talks and public lectures in three towns. This autumn we enjoyed the visit of Mr. J. J. van Ginkel, who also went to several Lodges. Beside this, some of our members have been able to visit other Lodges in different parts of the country and also in some cases neighbouring countries.

During the year *At the Feet of the Master* has been reprinted. Our Theosophical magazine, which is sent to members, to some non-member subscribers and to many public libraries, has been continued. The December issue was, for the second time, edited as a joint issue for the four Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden.

The Section has 335 members in 18 Lodges.

The Round Table has been restarted and some 20 children are now attending.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

New and deeper trends of thought and feeling were revealed at the 52nd Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand held in Christchurch from 25th December, 1948, to 1st January, 1949. There

was evidence of a wider vision and a fuller appreciation of the true nature of our work. The Convention theme, *One World*, brought the ever-recurring thought, expressed by speaker after speaker, that only by the awakening

in men and women of a higher form of consciousness could we expect to unite mankind.

Membership.—Incoming members during the year have been 75, and outgoing members 65, bringing our total membership to 936.

National Headquarters.—The main officers of the Section are resident at our National Headquarters officially opened last year. There is much activity centred there and it has strongly enhanced the life of the community of members living at Epsom in the immediate vicinity of Headquarters and Vasanta Garden School.

Our Headquarters was greatly honoured during the year by a visit from Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer, Cultural Ambassador from India and guest of the New Zealand Government. Sir Ramaswami spent an hour with us and it was an enthralling hour for all who were privileged to be present.

Vasanta Garden School.—Important among the activities of our Society in New Zealand is Vasanta Garden School, now in its 31st year. It enriches the life of our Section and is one of the brightest jewels in the crown of its work. The School is governed by a Trust Board elected every three years at the Annual Convention of the Section. Of the six teachers in the School all but the Kindergarten mistress are members of the Society and warmly in sympathy with the ideals and purpose of our educational endeavour. The importance of sound academic training is always kept in mind and each child is encouraged to reach his individual maximum capacity. The undaunted courage and joyous self-sacrifice of a few education-conscious members over a long period of years, supported by the goodwill, interest and financial help of the New Zealand membership, has made possible the success of this really fine experiment in education.

Adyar and the School of the Wisdom.—Mr. H. H. Banks will represent New Zealand at the opening of the School of the Wisdom in November and at the International Convention of the Society in Banaras. He will remain in India during 1950, and, together with several others of our members travelling to Adyar in 1950, will represent New Zealand at the International Convention at Adyar celebrating the 75 years of the Society.

Annie Besant Commemorative Fund.—In response to an appeal sent out to members the sum of £ 160 has been donated this year to the Annie Besant Commemorative Fund.

Mr. John B. S. Coats.—Guest Lecturer to the Theosophical Society in New Zealand, Mr. John B. S. Coats was warmly welcomed on his arrival in Auckland in August by the General Secretary and members of the H. P. B. Lodge at a reception given in his honour. Completing a month's programme of activities in Auckland, Mr. Coats left to make a tour of the New Zealand Lodges. He will be chief guest at the Annual Convention to be held in Wellington in December.

Fifty-year Honours.—Mr. D. W. M. Burn of Dunedin Lodge, completes fifty years of membership in the Society this year. He was one of the outstanding figures in the early days and one of the finest class leaders the Section has ever known. He contributed greatly to the work and trained many members as lecturers, writers and class leaders. The Society in New Zealand owes him a great debt of gratitude.

Mr. E. W. Jones, President of Timaru Lodge, also completes his fifty years membership this year. Mr. Jones has always been a worker and a keen propagandist of the teachings of the Ancient Wisdom.

Summer School.—Early in the year the experiment of holding a Summer School was made with marked success.

Mount Maunganui was the place chosen and surfing, tennis and mountain climbing were interspersed with study sessions, public lectures and devotional meetings. It is at such gatherings that the vision of the work is enlarged and its foundations strengthened.

Theosophical Women's Association.

—The active and practical work of this Association was emphasized by the Dominion President, Miss Emma Hunt, at the Annual Conference during the year. With the advance of women into a fuller participation in the whole life of the community the work of the Association will grow steadily both in scope and importance. A number of our members carry our ideals into various organizations in the country. The Auckland Branch, which is affiliated to the National Council of Women in the City, in considering an interim report of that Council on the reintroduction of capital punishment in New Zealand, unanimously adopted the following resolution which was sent to the Council: "That the Theosophical Women's Association is definitely opposed to the reintroduction of Capital Punishment." In a statement in support of this resolution the following clause was included: "Theosophists and many other people believe in the immortality of the soul—that the death of the body does not mean the death of the individual—and do we know that by destroying the body we are destroying the power of the criminal to influence others, of similar tendencies psychologically, to commit similar crimes? . . . We consider it the duty of a civilized people to educate the wrongdoer to a better way of life . . . may it not be that to send a human being out of this life in a state of fear and hatred is to plunge him unprepared into a condition beyond death terrible indeed?" The full statement was read at a large gathering of the National Council of Women.

Theosophical Order of Service.—The Order was reconstituted this year following the appointment by Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson as National Director. A National Council has been formed and its immediate work is the preparation of a Constitution for the Order to be submitted to the Annual Conference in December. The work is being extended to include new groups and a Sub-Committee has been appointed to report to the Council the practicability of the Theosophical Order of Service working to provide a home for older Theosophical workers.

Honours won.—Mr. Milton Thornton, young Theosophist of Auckland, had the honour to be judged the "runner-up" in the New Zealand group of the international essay contest on "Implementation of the Declaration of Human Rights" instituted by the U.N.

Miss L. M. Strachan of Christchurch Lodge was one of the ten finalists in a total of more than 700 entries in an international literary contest. The judges spoke of her work as showing outstanding promise.

Lecturers in the Field.—Lecturers in the field this year have been Mr. John B. S. Coats, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, who holds the office of National Lecturer, Miss Mary Graham, Mr. H. H. Banks and the General Secretary.

Young Theosophists and Order of the Round Table.—Both these groups have been active this year and strong support has been given to the various Lodges. *The Torch*, magazine of the Young Theosophists, is edited and sent out from Auckland. Two of our young members, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carr, have gone to live at *The Manor*, Sydney, and Mr. Ian Davidson who is in charge there speaks highly of the help they have given him.

Conclusion.—There are many thousands in our country who have never heard of the Ancient Wisdom and a

great missionary spirit is called for at the present time. If such a spirit were astir in the heart and mind of each individual member, and each Lodge awake to the vast possibilities of its special field of action, it would be possible within a few years to make Theosophy widely known to all. To spread abroad the illuminating truths of the Ancient Wisdom, to knit together the peoples of the world in true

comradeship, to know what is worth striving for and to press onwards to its fulfilment, is to "give our aid to the few strong hands that hold back the powers of darkness from obtaining complete victory." To this we are pledged, for "The Sun of Theosophy must shine for all."

E. HUNT,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

The process of rejuvenation of the membership of the Netherlands Section, of which I spoke in last year's report, is continuing steadily. The Students Centre at Delft University celebrated its first anniversary with solemn promises of hard work during the second year of its existence. A second Centre was erected at Amsterdam University, a third one at Utrecht is in course of preparation. It is hoped that by the activities of these youth centres the Ancient Wisdom will exercise growing influence on academical thought in this country. It is probable that the work of the Society will be greatly helped by a change in the way of thinking of the leading intellectuals.

The President of the International Society arrived in the Netherlands on Wednesday, 9th March. He stayed in the International Centre at Huizen and gave a lecture for members at Utrecht on the subject, "Are we not all Artists?" On Saturday, 12th March, our guest left for Paris.

Srimati Rukmini Devi, who is head of the Centre in Huizen, paid a longer visit. During the month of May she stayed at Huizen for nine days, as part of her tour through West-European countries. After the Paris Convention she came back and spent practically the whole of the month of August at the Centre, during which

period she gave a great number of lectures and talks. A special feature was a dance performance which she gave at Amsterdam for the general public, in the Concert Hall. The Ambassador of India was present on this occasion, and the performance was a great success.

Mr. N. Sri Ram, who spent 9 days in our country, also staying at the Huizen Centre, presided at the National Convention which took place at 'sGravenhage on 25th and 26th June. He gave a lecture and an introduction to an evening devoted to art. The members of the Netherlands Section showed their appreciation of the work done by Mr. Sri Ram on this and on a former visit to their country by proposing unanimously to make him an honorary member of the Section. The National Council of the Section will vote on this proposal at its next meeting, which will take place on December 11, 1949.

The list of books in the Netherlands' language, edited by the "Uitgeverij" (publishing committee of the Section) is increasing steadily. The Section is preparing itself for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Theosophical Society in 1950. The plans for this celebration have not yet taken definite shape, but it has been decided that the European Federation will

have its annual council meeting in the Netherlands. An international gathering of some size may well result from this, and the possibility of organizing a Theosophical exhibition on this occasion is under consideration.

The membership of the Netherlands Section increased during the present year from 1832 to 1846.

J. N. VAN DER LEY

General Secretary.

FRANCE

The Congress of the Theosophical Society in Europe and the Golden Jubilee of the French Section are clearly the great events in the history of the Theosophical Society in France. There is no call to give an account of them here as that will be incumbent on the Federation. But it is necessary to say that the preparations for the Congress have given Theosophical activities in France a particular character in drawing a larger number of workers together to meet and get to know one another. All the same, the fact that 400 members of the Theosophical Society in France have taken part in the Congress cannot fail to influence the mutual reports of our members, many of whom never come to Paris and cannot have anything but long distance relations with the Secretariat. The beneficent results of the Congress for the life of the Sections could not suddenly appear apart from subsequent work, but they would learn not to make faults, for the Congress having magnificently sown the seeds, a harvest must of necessity follow.

The life of the Society in France has followed a path traced in previous years. Public Conferences at Headquarters have taken place twice monthly and have attracted an audience indeed insufficient, but, all the same, a little more numerous than in past years. Our visitors from abroad have brought us their co-operation and those days have meant well-filled halls. We would first mention the President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, who brought his

inspiration to us in the month of March. In November we had a visit by Srimati Rukmini Arundale and Mr. N. Sri Ram. In February, Dr. A. J. Vreede gave us a public lecture and another meeting of members. Of other visitors we had Bishop and Madam Bonjer from Huizen, but it was not possible to organize a public meeting, and there was only one meeting for questions and answers, somewhat improvised but greatly appreciated.

Some other meetings more intimate were arranged for certain Thursday evenings when films of views on memories of voyages by certain of our members and other subjects were shown.

Once monthly we had a friendly gathering followed by tea, in the course of which new members were presented with their diplomas.

The usual courses of lectures took place, also some other courses of more particular interest.

The meetings of the Lodges, of which certain of them organized courses of lectures or public meetings, contributed towards animating the gatherings.

On the occasion of full moon of Wesak a large meeting was organized by a Paris Lodge under the chairmanship of the Rev. Bhikku of Ceylon.

The life of the Society in the provinces has been very active in certain centres. Nice, Monaco and Lyon had the privilege of a visit by Srimati Rukmini.

The magazine *La Vie Theosophique* constitutes a valuable link among the members and in spite of its defects meets generally with a most favourable reception.

The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* for its part, pursues a role of diffusion of our teachings. Our Publishing House is increasingly active in re-editing

fundamental works exhausted, also dealing with new editions. This constitutes for us a most indispensable instrument.

There are 47 Lodges and 2313 members, a gain of 77 in this year.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

At the end of September, 1949, there were 33 Lodges, 5 Centres and 60 independent members, making a total of 801 members. The number of members shows an increase of 27.

During this year 3 Lodges have been dissolved and one new Lodge has been formed.

On the whole the Italian Section has grown this year and has remained efficient through the activity of its Lodges, although not in a measure equal to the spiritual need of the nation.

One has to recognize that nearly all the persons who resigned entered the Society in that turbid period of after-war, searching for emotions and magical secrets, in order to be happy and free from any effort, in virtue of the mere entrance into the Theosophical Society, depositary and distributor of Esoteric Wisdom!

The Theosophical Society, it is said, must not shut the doors of the Society to anyone; but experience has induced me to believe that a certain circumspection is necessary and that information ought to be taken about the people before admitting them. Therefore a special admission-form has been issued; and to this is added a sheet on which the aspirant is invited to meditate seriously on the Objects of the Theosophical Society, and especially on the moral obligations he assumes on entering the Society.

As to the general activity of our Section, I thought that the main efforts ought to be directed to the editorial activity. Theosophical books are much requested and read; but we have an insufficient number of Theosophical works in Italian and have therefore to use the books published in French. In this regard I want to add that during the recent Congress of the European Federation at Paris, I made an agreement with the French Society in order to facilitate for Italy the sale of Theosophical books edited by the French Publishing House. When this agreement is in working order, many advantages for the Theosophical culture in Italy will result. We are trying also to organize a publishing co-operative society inside our Section, but this will take some time.

Much care has been dedicated to the editing of the *Bollettino* of the Italian Theosophical Society, which is now changed into a Theosophical Review under the title of *Alba Spirituale*; it is distributed to all our members and sent in exchange to all other Sections. This Review is also valued outside our Society, so that it is often asked for in exchange by other spiritualistic and philosophic reviews. It serves of course mainly as a link between our members; it gives Theosophical teachings and news about the Theosophical Movement all over, and speaks about the great problems of culture and of the

political-social organization regarding the movement for the universal unification of the life of all nations.

The General Secretary did not neglect to organize the celebration of the great dates of our Society: 17th November as the celebration of Universal Brotherhood, besides the foundation of the Theosophical Society, 8th May, and birthday of Dr. Annie Besant.

The Bible says that sometimes one wise man is enough to save a besieged town. Today the whole world is besieged by the hate let loose by the last two world wars, and even more so by the ideology of the struggle of the classes, degenerated into hate of the classes.

I think that the liberating function of the biblical "wise man" could be exercised by the Theosophical Society better than by any other institution. Our Society does not subordinate to any ideological or confessional premise the idea of Brotherhood which derives from the conception of the Unity of Life and of the identification of all human souls with the universal Soul. Brotherhood between men, brotherhood between religions, which under different rites and symbols hide the same universal truth; brotherhood between sciences and philosophies, each of which reveals a fragment of the one Truth. These principles constitute our great message which has been entrusted to us by the great White Brotherhood and which is so great as to fill not one but many of our lives. Meanwhile we

must recognize this great privilege in the spirit of humility and of enthusiasm: humility as to our moderate powers and capacities; enthusiasm for its great possibility of liberation which fills us with a sense of joy and immortality.

In conclusion of the present Report, I want to add that on the 16th, 17th and 18th April, 1948, the National Convention of the Italian Theosophical Society was held in Milan. Important matters were discussed, such as "Social Problems and Theosophy," and "The School in the Social Organism". Concluding this last item a resolution was taken as to Theosophical education in the Schools, and it was decided to transmit this to all members of the Senate and of Parliament, to the UNESCO, and the President at Adyar.

The Convention deliberated to erect the Italian Theosophical Society into a legal body and to continue to collect means for creating a "Theosophical Home" which has to become the future Headquarters of the Section.

The Convention re-elected unanimously Dr. Giuseppe Gasco as General Secretary. The members of the Executive Committee were also confirmed, with the exception of one who was replaced by Miss Caterina Damele, who is financial agent of the European Federation.

GIUSEPPE GASCO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

During the year under report the German Section continued its work of rebuilding. I began my office as General Secretary on October 1st, and it was my first endeavour to become personally acquainted with all Lodges in our country, and to bring all as much as possible in near contact with

each other. For this reason I visited in December, 1948, most of the Lodges in the Western part of Germany, and I found many groups very lively working for the Theosophical movement. Weekly or every fortnight the Lodges held their gatherings where lectures were given and Theosophical

books were studied. I talked to our members about the deeper sense and the intention of all Theosophical work, which is not to gain knowledge and greater power for selfish purposes but to make ourselves more and more to be centres of light for the benefit of our brother men, thus being able to make brotherhood a reality in human life, helping to lead all mankind to a new civilization.

I was very much surprised and happy to find this spirit particularly developed and practised in the Lodges in the Rheinland and Westfalen, composed of simple miners.

In April 1949 I continued my travelling and I visited our Lodges in Niedersachsen. The result was the founding of a new Lodge in Bremen and a Centre in Bad Pyrmont.

I went also to Rendsburg in Schleswig-Holstein where there is a very lively Lodge with many enthusiastic young Theosophists.

During the year under report we tried to organize the Theosophical Youth movement. The representative of the Young Theosophists in Germany was able to attend the Congress of the Young Theosophists and that of the European Federation in Paris in July and August.

Four other members of our Section, including myself, were also able to be in Paris during the Congress in spite of all difficulties with the British, American and French authorities. But all German members of the Congress were very happy about the extraordinarily hearty welcome received from the members of the different nationalities. A very deep impression was made on them after meeting and listen-

ing to Srimati Rukmini Devi and her brother, Mr. N. Sri Ram. I am sure that this event will have strengthened all for their future Theosophical work.

In Paris a close co-operation of the three German speaking countries of Europe was resolved upon and a Committee was elected consisting of the three General Secretaries, each of them being the chairman for one year, beginning with the German General Secretary.

There is another important thing to report. All distribution of Theosophical books was handed over to the German Section itself, and the Section will also organize the publishing of new books in Germany. For this purpose we are endeavouring to found our own publishing house called "Adyar-Verlag Hamburg." As soon as we have the license from the authorities for which we have applied, we shall start with the first book, and we are glad that the European Federation has promised to help us financially with this work, if necessary.

During the year 1948-49 we have issued Numbers 14-19 of our type-written *Mitteilungsblatt* with articles, reports and news for the German members. With the help of the Federation we were able to again make arrangements to supply nearly 150 members with the Adyar Periodical issued by Dr. Laupfert in Austria, and a smaller number of English reading members have been readers of *The Theosophist*.

The number of members and Lodges is rapidly increasing. We have now 24 Lodges and 691 members.

MARTIN BOYKEN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

The number of the Lodges in this Section has been increased with four new Lodges: "Luz de Cabaiguán" at Cabaiguán city; "Alcione" at Matanzas; "Blavatsky" at Fomento and "Luz y Armonía" at Camagüey. The Section has now 32 Lodges.

The membership is as follows:

In last report	... 553 members
In this year under report	... 683 members
Increase	... 130 members

Activities.—To help in spreading the ideas contained in Theosophy several members of this Section in different towns have held public conferences and given lectures. We have two monthly Reviews, *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, the official organ of the Cuban Section, and *Theosofica* which is the organ of the Eastern Federation. We have three Federations—Eastern, Western and Central Federations; each celebrates three or four Conventions each year, with assemblies and public acts.

The Section has two Centres: "Ciudamar" in the Eastern Federation and "Villa Leadbeater" in the Central part of the country. "Villa Leadbeater" is a mile from Sancti-Spiritus town and has three edifices. It has a Study Section and a Deposit

of Theosophical books for sale. At "Ciudamar" this year has been established the "Annie Besant" School, with a good edifice. This centre has other edifices too, and a press in which are edited some books. The Western Federation will construct its edifice also; already it has bought some ground for building it.

Transference of Headquarters.—Another event of the year has been the transference of the Headquarters. The permanent Headquarters is now at the Central part of the country, at Sancti-Spiritus town, as a consequence of the election of the See, in this city. In this new Headquarters must reside the Secretary of the Directive Council.

The official organ of the Section, the *Revista Teosofica Cubana* is now edited in Cienfuegos city in the Central Federation.

Visitors to the Cuban Section.—During this year our Section was very fortunate in receiving visits from several dear brothers: Mr. N. Sri Ram, in October, 1948, Mrs. Rukmini Devi, in November; and Mr. and Mrs. John Coats in May, 1949. The Section was largely stimulated by these important visits.

LORGIO VARGAS GARCIA,

General Secretary.

HUNGARY

This past year of our Society was passed in quiet but steady work. Unfortunately we cannot record any increase in membership—187 as against 191 last year—and probably shall not be able to do so before general conditions improve. Still, the taking part of the members in the different works of the Society is increasing. Perhaps the best and really greatest work pro-

duced is the translating and copying by typewriter of standard works of Theosophical literature for the lending library. Quite a number of members have taken part in this important work. In this way the following books now enrich our library: Annie Besant, *Universal Textbook of Religion and Morals*; C. Jinarājadāsa, *The K. H. Letters to C. W. Leadbeater*; besides

these, *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant, which existed in an old, rather bad translation, has been revised and typed. Our library increased by 57 volumes on the whole. The first series of the *Letters of the Masters of Wisdom* is also translated and typed out in a few copies.

We have now seven active Lodges, the same as last year. All are trying to do good and serious work.

We had regular members' meetings at Headquarters once a week with an average attendance of 67, as against 60 last year. The festivals of the Society were duly celebrated, *i.e.*, Foundation Day on November 17th, Adyar Day on February 17th, and White Lotus Day on May 8th. The items of the other meetings were: lectures, symposia, which are especially appreciated by our members, and two social meetings. The first of the social meetings was a Christmas Fair in December which was a huge success both financially and otherwise, because the young people, in between the tea-party, entertained us with an excellent humorous programme. To be fair towards our older members, we must state that the organization of the fair and the tea-party has been their business, and it was performed really to perfection.

The informal summer meetings were also very well attended, the average being 73 as against 72 last year. Quite a number of enquirers who attended

these summer meetings have now joined the Society. These meetings proved to be quite good propaganda, now that we cannot have public lectures.

Convention was held on October 2nd and 3rd, 1948, with an attendance of 80. Our Conventions are always very happy occasions for the members to gather together, not only to hear the official reports which give them insight into the administration and finances of the Society, but also to exchange their views, give their opinion about the affairs of the Society, and to enjoy some good music and a special Convention lecture.

We were so very fortunate as to have with us for ten days Dr. A. G. Vreede who came over from Holland, and he gave us a very inspiring lecture in the Society on the forming of nations and the work of the national Devas.

We have begun our new working year with a great confidence in the future, knowing that, in spite of the darkest clouds, the Light will finally break through and pour forth over the world.

We are sorry we are unable to send anybody to attend the School of the Wisdom, for financial and many other reasons, but we are hoping for the future.

FLORA SELEVER,
General Secretary.

FINLAND

While the economic situation in the country improved remarkably during the past year, the work of our Section was carried on mainly along the usual lines. The ordinary Lodge work which has always been characteristic of the Section has been continued so that with a few exceptions each of the 23 Lodges has held its weekly meeting

studying Theosophy and discussing life and its many problems in the light of Theosophy. Some fine events gave the work effective push. The most outstanding of them was the visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi, together with Colonel Van Dissel, in May. During those memorable days there were four big gatherings for members and one for

the public. One of the evenings was dedicated to the youth, and the programme was mainly performed by the Lotus Children who sang and danced and played on piano and violin. The specially joyous evening was crowned by Rukmini Devi's songs in Sanskrit and Pali, never before sounded in this country. It was a gift we could not expect nor can ever forget. The public lecture at the Conservatoire Hall, "Towards the Civilization of Tomorrow," attracted an audience of some 400 people, and it was preceded by organ music and readings from the sacred books of different religions. At the members' meetings Colonel van Dissel gave interesting talks on the work and purpose of the European Federation. On their arrival in Helsinki, both of the visitors were interviewed by three of the leading newspapers. It is our sincere wish to have soon another visit from both Srimati Rukmini Devi and "the Vice Roy," as the General Secretary of Europe was addressed by Mr. Valvanne.

At the Annual Convention at Easter we had a visiting speaker from Sweden, Mr. Viking Dale. The Convention was exceptional in respect that the Section then had a new General Secretary. The votes were taken and as a result, Minister Hugo Valvanne was elected the head of the Section. He has been a member since boyhood and has all his life faithfully served the Society. The resigned General Secretary, Armas Rankka who has gained the members' appreciation and love during his 18 years of office, was entitled the Honorary General Secretary.

The Section was happy to be represented in the Paris Congress by 15 members, who returned home filled with the invigorating spirit of those magnificent gatherings held in such a beautiful place.

The United Nations day was celebrated by all the Lodges in December.

The speakers in Helsinki were Mr. Valvanne and Mr. Kallinen.

One of the Helsinki Lodges has continually held weekly question meetings which have been well attended, mainly by non-members. The Youth Group in Helsinki has held its meetings once a fortnight and they have especially attracted young artists and university students. Some members of the Society have been invited to speak at their meetings and discussions have been enthusiastic.

The very lively group of the Lotus Children in Helsinki has met every Sunday at the Headquarters. There are some 35 children enrolled and they keep on bringing friends with them. The work consists of singing, piano and violin music and song-plays. Short sentences from Theosophical books for the young have been given to the older children as lessons. Some T. S. members have volunteered to entertain the whole group with refreshments nearly every time. As leaders there are some enthusiastic school teachers and other members in turn.

Touring lecturers and circular study letters have been the means of keeping the country Lodges in contact with the Headquarters. The news from Adyar and Huizen has been published in the Sectional magazine *Teosofi*. The magazine has been continually sent to several public libraries and hospitals. Some minor Theosophical libraries have been sent to some sanatoriums where they have been much appreciated.

As to publications, a new edition was issued of *Esoteric Christianity* by Annie Besant.

Due to the continually heavy restriction in foreign exchange, the Section has still been refused to send its membership fees to Adyar and the European Federation, so the money has been put in their banking accounts.

The number of members in the year under report was 696. Increase 27. Lodges 23.

Last, but not least, comes the news that it was the Section's karma to lose its new General Secretary after his first half year in office, as he was

appointed the Finnish Ambassador to India from the 1st of this October. He left his office to the Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa.

ATTE POHJANMAA,
Acting General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved 1946

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Concerning the membership of our Section I should like to inform you that after 1947 the number of the remaining 11 old members of the Prague Lodge-Society, has increased to 44 members. Moreover there exist in Czechoslovakia two other Theosophical Societies, which, however did not as yet join our Adyar Society. It is the Ostrava-Karvina Th. Soc.

which has, as I am informed, about 40 members and the Brno-Society. Detailed information I have not as yet obtained from them.

The Prague-Lodge held during the winter session in 1948 14 public lectures and 28 discussion circles.

VACLAV CIMR,
Presidential Agent.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

In reviewing the activities of the year 1948-49, we see again a steady expansion of the work, made possible by the devotion of many of our members everywhere, and our thoughts go out to them with deep gratitude. As the older workers retire, there are always others ready to fill in the ranks. This inspires us with great confidence for the future of the Society.

Committee.—Last year's work has been carried out with enthusiasm by Officers and Executive Members. Two members were co-opted to the Committee: Mr. Webster as National Librarian, and Mr. Pillay from Durban. During the year Mr. Webster left for Rhodesia, leaving his office vacant. In his place we found Mr. John Robinson

willing to take charge of the Section Library and he has been a great asset to our Committee.

Lodges and Centres.—I have been able, during the year, personally to contact our 4 main Lodges and to renew the links with their chief workers, and I can report that the work is very much alive in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town. Johannesburg Lodge celebrated its Golden Jubilee on April 14, 1949.

Port Elizabeth has lost its stalwart President, Mr. J. A. Quin, but Mrs. Quin assured me that the work will be resumed shortly. George Lodge is working steadily.

After some difficulties encountered in Bulawayo in assembling their very

scattered membership, there are promising signs of renewed efforts to hold regular meetings in that town. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. McLean have made full use of their library by keeping bright the links with members and interested friends.

Salisbury is getting on very well indeed and should soon be able to function as a Lodge on its own. Our Centres in Lourenco Marques, East London, and Witbank are making brave efforts to establish a permanent sphere of influence; in spite of the usual initial difficulties we have high hopes of opening a Bantu Lodge about 10 miles outside Pretoria, where a group of about 30 are very interested, but arrangements have not yet been finalized.

There are several smaller groups in Pietermaritzburg, Rustenburg, Warden, Seapoint and other places, and such groups are now aided in their struggle by the Section Library and the Correspondence Course. With these new means to help us, we hope to embark in the new year upon a campaign to establish new Lodges. Without full-time field-workers, we have to rely on the co-operation of our Lodges for our work.

Lectures.—Interchange of lectures makes a more varied programme possible and helps us to get to know each other better. Most Lodges have to rely on their own speakers when we have no visiting International lecturers. Johannesburg and Pretoria greatly benefit by the interchange of their speakers and are able to make a really good syllabus of public lectures.

During last year Mr. Dudley Gower spent a month in East London lecturing. Mr. Stakesby-Lewis and myself lectured in Durban, besides Pretoria and Johannesburg. We also visited the Cape Town Lodge. Mr. L. Retief lectured in Cape Town and Durban. Mrs. B. Ensor gave a series of lectures in Johannesburg and George, and we

also had the privilege of having Mrs. E. Bonjer with us during part of the year. Mrs. Bonjer gave a series of inspiring talks in Cape Town and also contacted George and Oudtshoorn.

I would like to mention here from among our members some outstanding specialists, not enough known, perhaps, to some.

We have Dr. Beatrice Ensor an educationalist of repute, founder of the New Education Fellowship and international lecturer, who at present resides in the Cape.

Many of you will have heard of the work of Dr. de Chrapovisci on the lines of blood analysis. Her scientific lectures, supported by interesting slides, collected during 26 years of research along this line, are a real revelation and deserve warm recommendation.

One of our younger scientists, Mr. John Robinson, who is chief assistant of Dr. Broom, has some most telling things to say on the physical evolution of Man and the Apes.

We are now privileged to have with us again our dear friend, Miss Clara Codd, whose inimitable public lectures always draw large attendances, and we hope she will be spared to us still for many years to come. It is with great gratitude that we think of the many years of devoted work she has given to this Section. It was her influence that has prepared the greater unity which now exists between all the Lodges in Southern Africa. As a token of our appreciation for all she has done, we are glad to propose life membership of the Section for Miss Codd.

Mr. R. Pizzighelli, accompanied by his wife, has had the great privilege of attending the Adyar Convention, 1948, at which he represented us. He also gave talks in India. Also our member, Mr. J. J. van Ginkel, has spoken in various places in India.

The General Secretary represented the Section at the English and Dutch

Conventions and at the European Federation Congress at Paris, in 1949.

Membership.—Our membership during 1948 showed a satisfactory increase. The total membership on January 1, 1949 stands at 568, showing a net increase of 12.

Correspondence Course.—The Course has been put into action during the latter half of the year. Correspondents have been appointed in all the Lodges, most of which have put advertisements in the local press. By means of the Correspondence Course we have contacted many people in other places, which in the coming year may well prove to become a nucleus for the establishment of new Lodges.

Section Library.—About £28 has been spent on buying new books for the library. Lists of books for study, after each lesson in the Correspondence Course, resulted in more use of the library by enquirers.

International Correspondence League.—We have now 72 letter links, members corresponding with fellow-members of twelve different countries.

Race Relations.—Mr. Overdiep, Mrs. Dougall and myself have been approached on various occasions by Africans who are very interested in our reading matter. Many pamphlets have been given out, which we hope are doing good work.

The Annie Besant Commemorative Fund.—This fund was established for the work and upkeep at Headquarters. To date £520 has been sent from our Section.

United Nations Day.—In accordance with the resolution of the General Council of our Society, Lodges co-operated in giving support to U. N. and special gatherings were held throughout the country.

The Link.—Our Sectional Magazine, *The Link*, has been issued regularly.

Service Group Work.—The Service Work of the Lodge Service Groups

and of individual members of our Society has continued splendidly through the year. Appeals were made to Lodges and to individual members for donations towards our National Service Work Fund.

Our Organization has been represented and has taken an active part in the activities of the following Welfare Movements: The Institute for Race Relations; The Penal Reform League; The Joint Council of Europeans and Africans; and The National War Memorial Health Foundation.

Conclusion.—In reviewing the year, our thoughts go out to those who have passed to the greater Light. Among these are some well-known members, Mr. Tranmer, a life-member, and Mr. J. A. Quin, the President of the Port Elizabeth Lodge, both great workers in the early days.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my very hearty thanks to all Officers and Committee Members for their wonderful co-operation in the year's work, for without their valued help little could have been achieved.

I am thankful that it has been possible to carry out the work in such a happy spirit of harmony and friendship, and I thank each and all for the splendid work they have done, especially our Secretary, Miss Ford, our Registrar, Miss Seymour, and our Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Bond.

Also our Lodges and Centres with their staunch representatives have stuck faithfully to their task, not always a light one, especially in the smaller groups.

Let us then fulfil our dharma of being Torchbearers and go out, individually and collectively, "into the darkness, and change it into Light".

J. ELÉANOR STAKESBY-LEWIS,

National President.

SCOTLAND

During the year which has just ended, the work in our Section has proceeded smoothly and quietly, and there is nothing outstanding to report. Practically all the usual activities have been maintained both at Headquarters and in the individual Districts and Lodges. At Headquarters the weekly public lectures on Sunday evenings and Friday afternoons have been kept going regularly. In the first half of the Session Mrs. Stevenson Howell of London, who was to have paid a visit to Scotland, had to cancel her tour for business reasons, but otherwise the programme was carried through as arranged. In the summer of last year we had the great joy and privilege of a week-end visit to Headquarters from Miss Charlotte Woods of London, and in the autumn Mr. Hartley of Leeds made a tour of the Section, as did Dr. Hugh Shearman of Belfast in March. Since the beginning of this year we have been very fortunate in visits from distinguished figures in the international life of the Society. In March the President, on his way from India to America, came up specially to Headquarters for a week-end and spoke both to members and to the public. All his meetings were well attended, and aroused much interest, and we owe him most grateful thanks for sparing us three days of his very valuable time. Later on we had a visit from Mr. N. Sri Ram, former Vice-President of the Society, who spoke both in Edinburgh and Glasgow with much acceptance. To him also we owe hearty thanks. The other lectures were taken by our own Scottish members, who were also responsible for the *Secret Doctrine* and Astrology groups. To all these, also, we are indebted for giving so generously of their time and knowledge.

The Annual Convention took place on 18th and 19th June with Srimati Rukmini Devi as Guest of Honour,

and it proved a very happy and successful gathering. It was well attended by members from all the different parts of the country.

As regards particular local activities, the Eastern District, in addition to being responsible for most of the Headquarters activities, undertook work of its own. The Edinburgh Lodge was responsible for the fortnightly study group given over to the study of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, while the Orpheus Lodge took the major part in the Friday afternoon tea talks, and also in three lectures on Goethe in connection with the forthcoming performances of "Faust" at the Edinburgh International Festival. Morningside Lodge continued its fortnightly studies, first with *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, and later with Mr. E. L. Gardner's new booklet *The Imperishable Body*. Both this Lodge and the Orpheus Lodge do the valuable work of supplying lecturers to other organizations. Olcott Lodge is also very active and takes its full part in the activities of the district. This is the largest Lodge of the Eastern District.

In the Western District, Glasgow Lodge, another large Lodge, takes its full part in the general work with meetings and study groups held at the Glasgow Headquarters, these being carried on all through the Session. A change over from the evening to the afternoon for the Sunday lectures has resulted in improved attendances. Annie Besant Lodge holds public meetings once a month and members' meetings in between.

In the Northern District, Aberdeen, despite its isolated position, has held regular meetings and attracted new members, as well as holding successful public meetings addressed by Dr. Shearman. Dundee has just concluded its 38th year of work, in the course of which it held 24 meetings, most of

them open to the public. After many years of devoted service, the Secretary, Miss Geddes, has regretfully felt obliged to retire for health reasons, and I gladly take this opportunity of expressing appreciation of all the work she has done for Dundee. Rosyth combines with Dunfermline for public lectures, which are held in the latter town regularly, and both envisage an extension of their work as individual Lodges. Fair City Lodge in this District has also increased its membership, and Langside, in the West, has continued the activities it recently resumed after being obliged to discontinue during the war years.

As regards more general activities, the sending of parcels to members in need on the Continent of Europe has continued under a new arrangement, through the generosity and good offices of a few members, to whom cordial thanks are due.

The Library continues its activities on the usual extensive scale. I feel that many members have little idea how extensive this work really is and of the invaluable work it does both for members of the Society and for outsiders who are members of the Library. Many of these latter eventually find their way into the Society *via* the Library; and for all this our heartiest thanks are due to the indefatigable Librarian.

The membership of the Society stood at the end of last year at 395. Since then 5 members have died, 6 have resigned, 13 have been suspended and three transferred to other Sections. Against this, 13 new members have joined, three former members have been reinstated and one member has been transferred to us from England, making a total of 17. This makes our present membership 385, a decrease for the year of 10. This is almost entirely due

to the large number of members suspended during the year, but I think it far better to face the facts and suspend members of whom nothing has been known for a number of years than carry on in our books such members who are no longer taking any part in the life of the Society and so give an inaccurate picture of the real state of our membership. If and when such members reappear we are of course delighted to reinstate them.

During the year, I have personally contacted as many as possible of the Lodges in our Section, as well as having paid visits, as guest lecturer, to the Northern, Northwestern and Southern Federations of the English Section, and to the Headquarters of the Welsh Section. I also represented Scotland at the English Convention in May and had the honour of giving one of the Convention lectures and taking part in other of the Convention activities. In all these I did my best to represent Scotland worthily. These international contacts are valuable from many points of view, and Mrs. Allan and I attended the European Federation Congress held in France in the month of July.

In conclusion, it is both my duty and my pleasure to offer my grateful thanks to all those many members who have supported me personally in my work, and who, in their various spheres, have laboured so willingly and loyally for the Society. They are too numerous to mention individually, nor indeed would they wish me to do so, but without them the work of the Society could not have been carried on so effectively, and it is largely due to them that I am able to report a satisfactory and successful year of work in our Section for the cause of Theosophy.

EDWARD GALL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Statistics.—The actual number is 15 Lodges and 2 centres. At the death of Mr. Reelfs, last President of the Lodge *Dharma*, the Secretary of the Lodge gave me the archives of the Lodge with the amount in cash. Therefore this Lodge *Dharma* had to be cancelled on the list.

A second group of Young Theosophists is in formation in Geneva. The other existing one is in Basel, presided over by Mr. Hans Peter Wyss.

The membership at the end of 1949 is 240.

During this year we had to register :

Deceased members	...	4
Resignations	...	10
Admissions	...	15
Lapsed	...	93

Activity of the Lodges.—Those Lodges which have kept the old standard of work for a Lodge as described by Mrs. Annie Besant and Charles Leadbeater have maintained themselves very alive and proved to be Centres of inspiration for their surroundings. I am glad to say that among the members belonging to the Genevese group of Lodges and also among those belonging to the group of Lodges in Basel a real spirit of teamwork absolutely necessary for the undertaking of public work has manifested itself.

Public work.—During the first half of 1949 it was mostly at the Headquarters that public work was undertaken with great intensity.

Twice a week, public lectures were given, each Tuesday on specific Theosophical teachings and each Saturday on universal features in the various cultures of the world: Indian culture, European culture, Chinese culture and various literatures and trends of thought.

A very interesting feature must be stressed about this last series, for this work was undertaken in co-operation with various professors of Geneva

University. This shows that a bridge has been built between the highest intellectual classes of our country and the Society, a bridge of understanding and mutual appreciation, a work undertaken for the discovery of Truth, Universal Truth.

It has been this year especially the case on three occasions, and strangely enough it was always about Indian culture.

In this respect it seems that we are entering a new era with the liberation of India. Before the Independence of India had been proclaimed, it was especially the duty of the T. S. to spread among Western civilization and peoples the spiritual message of India. But now, it seems that India is in a way very jealous to do this piece of work herself, and this especially through the agency of the Indian Legations in various lands.

In this respect it is interesting to note that the first Indian Legation in Europe was sent by the Indian Government to Switzerland. This Legation has a cultural department and a nice co-operation between the Legation and the T. S. in Switzerland has been immediately established. On 30th June, Prof. Dr. Nawrath of Bremen (Germany) delivered at Geneva Headquarters under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister Desai a most magnificent lecture on the masterpieces of sculpture and architecture of Northern India with first class projections. The H.Q. was full, though the season was very advanced.

On the other hand, on 9th September, in Basel, under the auspices of the T. S., and on 12th September in Bern under the auspices of the Indian Legation, in the presence of more than 100 representatives of the Diplomatic staff residing in Bern, Rukmini Devi gave a most impressive lecture on "The Spiritual Heritage of India". These

two lectures were much appreciated and have found an interesting echo in the press of Basel and Zurich.

On 13th September Rukmini Devi gave at the Headquarters a fine lecture with a very impressive film about the work of the Besant Cultural Centre in Adyar. Rukmini herself associates her artistic work with the great aims of the T. S. and I am personally persuaded that her work is an important part of The Great Work.

Therefore, the Swiss Section as a whole looks at the Besant Cultural Centre including Kalakshetra's work as intimately linked with the Theosophical work at Adyar and for this motive cannot approve the disassociation policy of the President.

On 14th December, Prof. Dr. N. Gangulee, Rabindranath Tagore's son-in-law, gave again under the auspices of the Indian Legation at the Headquarters in Geneva, a lecture on "Tagore's Ideals of Education". Delegates of all educational institutions of Geneva attended the lecture. On 30th August, Mr. Francis Brunel showed at the Headquarters more than one hundred pictures taken in Kashmir and other parts of North India, to the delight of the Genevese public. In November we had also the privilege of the visit of Serge Brisy, General Secretary for Belgium, who gave at the Headquarters a most interesting series of lectures on "Educational Work in Modern Prisons," "The Necessity of Inner Experience," "The Milieu," "Education through the Theatre" and "The Spiritual Message of the Pharaoh Akhenaton".

During this year, the General Secretary has given 22 public lectures, 18 of them at the Headquarters, one in Basel, one in Locarno and two in Lausanne, on "Universal Symbolism and its various Expressions in Religious Art, in Poetical Symbolism and in the Ancient Mysteries," "The Fundaments of the Theosophical

Teachings concerning Brotherhood, the Evolution of Man, The Law of Karma," and "The Signification of the Great Christian Festivals".

Dr. Anna Kamensky took the responsibility of the work done at the "Tribune Libre" of the Headquarters on the comparative study of various cultures and especially of the universal elements contained therein. Ten Saturdays were consecrated to this study. Dr. Kamensky herself has given four lectures, "Symbolism," "The Secret Doctrine," "Life after Death" and "Religious Esotericism".

Our Hungarian brother, Mr. Alfred Reisch, has given eight lectures on Applied Theosophy in various domains of life: personal, family, national, international and spiritual, and also on Reincarnation, in Geneva as well as in Basel. Mr. Hans Peter Wyss from Basel has given a series of public lectures in Zurich and in Basel, thus giving a new impetus to the Theosophical work in these German speaking parts of Switzerland.

Summer School.—In June, on the occasion of the Convention, the Swiss Section organized a Summer School in co-operation with Prof. Jacques-Emile Marcault from France, Mr. Andre Chedel, homme de lettres, Mr. Paul Reiwald, writer, Dr. Anna Kamensky, Mr. Alfred Reisch and Prof. Adrien Gogler. The general theme of the Summer School was "Towards a New Humanism". Prof. Marcault indicated the foundations thereof, while Mr. Andre Chedel showed us the essential elements of Indian and Greek humanisms which should be preserved. Dr. Kamensky underlined the Essential Theosophical Teachings in this regard, while Mr. Gogler spoke about the place of Art in the New Humanism.

International Character of the T.S. in Switzerland.—The Theosophical work in Switzerland, and in Geneva in particular is becoming more and more international. Only to mention one fact, on

White Lotus Day this year we had at our Headquarters members from Hungary, Russia, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland.

We had also the privilege, last year, of a first visit from Mr. van Dissel, General Secretary of the Federation of T. S. in Europe, accompanied by Mr. Polak from England, who were both delegated by the Theosophical Society to attend a U.N. Conference assembling Non-governmental Associations. On this occasion, Mr. van Dissel delivered a speech at the Headquarters for the benefit of the members of the Section on European Co-operation.

This year, for the same duty, Mr. van Dissel came to Geneva assisted by Mlle. Pasqualine Mallet.

The Section has also been visited by Mr. Narayan of Madras and Madura, son of Mr. Narayan, former collaborator of Dr. Annie Besant.

Periodical.—As you know already, our Section has discontinued the publication of its periodical *Ex Oriente Lux* in order to favour the publication of Regional Reviews such as, for the French speaking countries: *La Vie Theosophique*, and for German speaking countries: *Adyar*.

Though in this way, our members can receive very fine material for study and reading, the cessation of the publication of our National Review has revealed itself as a great loss, because this Review represented for us the link, spiritual, national and cultural between peoples of three different cultures (German, French and Italian).

Attendance of Swiss Members at the European Congress.—Forty members were inscribed for the Paris Congress of the T. S. in Europe; four of them could not get their visa in time so that 36 Swiss members could participate in the work of the Congress. This shows eloquently that a small Section such as ours reveals itself as very alive in international Theosophical work.

General Secretary in Charge.—From the beginning of this year, the former General Secretary, Miss Roget, had to resign from her functions for health reasons. According to the statutes, the nomination and election of the new General Secretary could not take place before the 1st May 1950. The Swiss Section takes this opportunity to express to her its deep appreciation for her devotion to the work and wish for her a complete recovery.

Partnership in the Work.—I know at the end of this report the most agreeable duty is to express my indebtedness towards all my co-workers and especially to Mrs. Fanny Scheffmacher, our Vice-President, to Mr. Klasi, our National Treasurer, and to all the members of the Genevese Committee called at the Headquarters every Monday, who week after week help me to organize public work in Geneva. Among those I will especially mention Dr. Anna Kamensky, Mrs. Andreanne Sordat, Mlle. Getmaine Hussy, Mlle. Annie Bordier, Mr. Alfred Reish, Mr. Philippe Bury and Mr. Reiner, our newly appointed librarian.

ALBERT SASSI,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

Membership.—The membership of this Section is now 324. The Lodges are eleven in number; three in Antwerp, one in Ghent, one in Liege and six in Brussels.

Library and Bookshop.—The Library, under the Librarian Mr. Van der Hecht, has been very active and so has the Bookshop under the direction of Mr. Neels. We have now an agency

in Belgium of the Adyar Bookshop in Paris. The need for this was great and the Bookshop promises fine activities.

Lectures.—The public lectures held every Saturday were attended by an audience which varied from 80 to 100. The subjects have been varied. During the year there have been 33 public lectures, 2 Question and Answer meetings and 4 commemorations of anniversaries, in addition to the usual Lodge meetings. We may also note the Social Meetings organized every 4th Sunday of the month by the Central Lodge where members and visitors are welcomed and where the programme includes lectures, music and tea.

This year, as last, the Belgian Government gave the Society a grant of Fr. 5,400, as our lectures are considered educative and of public utility.

Theosophical Course.—The course given by Mr. Gaston Polak and Mme. Julia d'Haenens was followed by a very attentive audience. The course will be given again next year.

National Congress in Antwerp.—The most important of our activities this year was our first National Congress held in Antwerp in May, at which Srimati Rukmini Devi was the Guest of Honour and Mr. J. Kruisheer the Lecturer. Many greetings and messages of goodwill were received by the Congress from Sections and individual members. Srimati Rukmini Devi gave a most inspired public lecture "Towards the Civilization of Tomorrow". The paper *Matin d'Anvers* gave a most appreciative report. The hall was crowded. Mr. Gaston Polak also gave a brilliant address. The fifty years of

membership of Mr. and Mme. Polak, Middle. Eyckholdt, MM. Maclot, Schenk and Strijmans was celebrated. All the members were happy to greet the valiant and devoted workers of the Section.

It is hoped each year to have the Congress in one of the provincial towns where there is a Theosophical Centre. The next will probably be in Liege.

Conclusion.—The Section worked very well though of course we must always try to do better. Our activities were numerous and generally well attended. Nevertheless we should like to have our propaganda better organized and a magazine of review giving to members the news of the Section. Several suggestions have been made: to found a Lodge composed of all the isolated members of the provinces under the direction of a President; to offer some of our Theosophical books to public Libraries; to print new pamphlets, including the lecture on *What is Theosophy*, by Mr. G. Polak.

The ground floor of our premises has not yet been freed because of existing law and this hampers the work of the Bookshop. We hope the law will be changed in 1950 as we need the space very urgently. We earnestly hope that these aims will be realized next year and that at our next Convention we shall be able to announce not only steady growth of our membership, but also a greater vitality in our Headquarters.

The whole of the Executive Committee was re-elected with Mlle. Serge Brisy as General Secretary.

SERGE BRISY,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

For the third time after the war, I have the honour of submitting herewith to you, my annual report of the Indonesian Section of the Theosophical Society during the period from October 1st 1948 to September 30th 1949.

Closing last year with six Lodges and one Centre, this year saw the rebirth of one of our oldest Lodges, the "Buitenzorg Loge," founded by those well known old-time servers: van Motmans, van Hinloopen Labbertons and van Gelders. But it is still a very small baby.

The other Lodges and the Centre Penerangan in Soerabaja are doing very well, even the Lodge in Medan, notwithstanding recurrent difficulties with the authorities, who, every now and then claim the Lodge building for different purposes.

As the President of the Batavia Lodge, Br. Watrin, a Dutch army-officer, is now living in Blavatsky-park himself, he has been able to get us some more room for our meetings. The first time that we were able to hold a members' meeting in a hall and not in a gallery was inaugurated by Br. Ir. A. van Leeuwen with the beginning of a series of lectures on the Qaballah.

There is a total membership of 206, a gain of 41.

Next to Theosophical work, much has been done to lessen the financial burdens, dating from before the war, which has been made possible in several ways.

Batavia received large sums from the military occupants and is beginning next year to pay its bond-holders in full; in Semarang the two bond-holders, Sister Volkers and Br. Mgr. Ir. de Vogel, very generously consented to halving their claims, whilst there were large gifts in money from the members themselves. Soerabaja sold its old premises, its site being rather unfavourable for Theosophical work.

Bandoeng too is once more paying its bond-holders; not much, but, as we are wont to say, money to Theosophical institutions, might be compared with a ring in the well, better a little than nothing at all, for most of this money is used again for other Theosophical purposes.

Our Theosophical work consisted mainly of meetings for members and non-members; lectures for members, but not yet enough for the public.

As so many of the older members disappeared, there is a very disagreeable lack of competent lecturers; there being only half a dozen well qualified Brothers for that work. The more this is a pity because there is a waxing interest from the public, public lectures being always crowded (crowded according to our views and in relation to the capacity of our Lodge rooms).

My proposal to the brethren has been, to wait till the "Republiek Indonesia Sarekat" (United States of Indonesia) has taken birth. Then we will have a large gathering of members of the T. S. in Adyar and of representatives of the Lodges all over Indonesia, to consider the necessity of presenting a request to you for a new charter, for a new National Section in the Republiek Indonesia Sarekat.

The stencilled monthly, *Theosophie* issued by the Batavia Lodge is doing very well. It has been put on a sound financial basis and its founders are hoping for an expansion to six and more pages.

Then our hard-working Br. Kwee Boen Hian, the leader of the Centre Timoer in Malang, with the help of another Chinese Brother, a printer and publisher, has issued a monthly of his own, *Penjedar*. Being written in the Indonesian language and very well edited, I am sure that it will attract many Indonesian and Chinese people.

General Remarks.—Everywhere there is a waiting for "things to come". Much fear and little hope. And this instability puts its stamp on everything and everybody.

We as Theosophists are trying to bring some understanding of these things, as far as we ourselves are able to understand them. It is the transition from one period to another.

Only understanding, the killing of a-vidya, can bring co-operation and it is co-operation which is lacking almost everywhere; the offering of our smaller selves to a larger self.

So first we Theosophists, in our National Societies and in our Lodges,

have to show co-operation, the outcome of brotherhood, bringing discrimination and non-attachment, good conduct and love in our work.

Then there will be lit a light in the darkness and people will be attracted by that light.

That light will be one of the many lighthouses, standing around that great Lighthouse, which is Adyar, where its light is kindled by our revered great Brother President and his valiant helpers.

May the Holy Masters bless them and their Work.

J. A. H. VAN LEEUWEN,
Acting General Secretary.

BURMA

General.—The political turmoil and general unrest, which followed in the wake of Independence, continued unabated throughout the year. Communication with Lodges and members in the Districts being thus cut off, the main work of the Society was confined to Rangoon.

Membership.—The year opened with 124 members on the rolls. There were 9 admissions. The membership at the close of the year was thus 133, of whom, however, many will have to be dropped out as they have not yet been contacted after the war. The revision of the membership register must, however, await the result of further efforts to contact the members in the districts when communication has been restored.

We are glad to report that Brn. U Hla Maung and U San Mya, who were cut off at Yamethin and Taungdwingyi for the whole of the year, managed to come through, the former to Mandalay and the latter to Rangoon. Short reports of their work in their respective Centres have thus become available.

Finance.—The opening balance on the 1st October, 1948, was Rs. 529-14-0 and the closing balance on the 30th September, 1949, Rs. 456-12-0. With an active membership of a little over 40, the members of the Olcott Lodge have had to contribute liberally towards the maintenance of the Section and the Lodge, and we are glad that finances were readily forthcoming for all essential purposes.

Estate.—It was found most difficult to collect the small monthly rent from the numerous tenants to whom the Society's estate at Thingangyun has been let out. The arrears of rent at the beginning of the year, amounting to over Rs. 500, were written off, and a sum of Rs. 134/- was collected.

During the war, the Japanese had run a road through the Estate, cutting off a portion of it on to the other side of the newly constructed road. The question of reclaiming the area thus lost or compensation for the same has not yet been taken up with the authorities. It is hoped

that the matter can be settled in the near future.

Message of Theosophy.—Communications being cut off, the Section Journal would have served very little purpose even if it could have been revived during the year. The Rangoon members have been in close touch with Adyar through *The Theosophist* and with other Sections through the Section journals received regularly and placed on the reading room tables. It is hoped that the "Peace within One Year" plan of the Government will be a complete success and that it will be possible to resume publication of *The Message* when communication with our district Lodges and members is restored.

Book Depot.—With some difficulty we were able to get an exchange permit for ordering a set of Leaders' Photographs for the Hall and for books for the Library and for sale to members, amounting in all to about Rs. 1,000. The books received have almost all been sold out and we hope to place a fresh order for a like amount during the coming year.

Bros. U San Mya and U Po Lat have a scheme to present to the Rangoon University a set of Theosophical books. The necessary funds have been raised and a list of suitable books is being drawn up, to be ordered along with books required by members to replenish their personal libraries.

Lodges.—As already reported, the Olcott Lodge at Rangoon, which houses the Section Headquarters, was the most active of the Lodges during the year. It reports an increase of membership of five, and a handsome figure of Rs. 1,444-8-0 collected through a "Self Denial Fund" organized to finance the various reconstruction projects of the Lodge. The Lodge building has been considerably renovated and the new set of enlarged photographs of the Leaders has been received from Adyar. The renumbering and recataloguing of the

Library books is continuing. The Lodge fittingly celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Besant, Dr. Arundale and Rukmini Devi and the Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and other Theosophical red-letter days. There were public lectures on Sunday mornings and members' Study Groups during the week, the books studied being: *The First Principles of Theosophy*; *Thought Power, Its Control and Culture*; *A Study in Consciousness*; *The Ancient Wisdom*; and *Talks on 'At the Feet of the Master'*. There were also special classes for teaching English to Bhikkhus (Monks) and also a group for the study of Pali. Mr. Francis Story gave a series of 4 lectures on different aspects of Buddhism, while Bhikkhu Prajnanda gave regular monthly lectures on Some Mystic Sciences and Theosophy. A talk was also broadcast by Mrs. San Hla on Dr. Annie Besant's birthday.

The Rangoon Youth Lodge.—The Lodge was revived on the 17th October, 1948, and has been very active throughout the year, in the fields of self-development and social welfare. The Young Theosophists have heartily co-operated in all the activities of the Rangoon Lodge and they are really the hope of the Section for the future. They had study groups on Palmistry and other subjects, a Public Speaking Course, and a number of social meetings with tea. Their report records visits by members to the evacuee and refugee relief Centres.

The Lotus Lodge at Mandalay reports an unbroken record of week-end meetings of members studying *In the Outer Court*, *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, etc. Theosophical tracts obtained free from the U.S.A. were distributed to Schools, Colleges and also to high-ranking and educated people residing in Upper Burma. Friendly discussions were organized in homes and hotels where Theosophical ideals were explained. The Buddhist Revival Scheme of the

Lodge consisted of the sale of a thousand copies of the Dhammapada in Burmese translated by the General Secretary, U Po Lat, and the printing for sale of Rs. 1,000 worth of School Exercise Books having Buddhist teachings printed on the covers. An order has also been placed in Calcutta for the English Dhammapada for sale and free distribution. The Animal Welfare Department of the Lodge also reports effective work in connection with Vegetarianism and propaganda against slaughter of animals during Bakr-Idd and other religious festivals.

U Hla Maung, who reached Mandalay from Yamethin towards the end of the year, has written to say that he had been keeping up the work at Yamethin as best he could. The building of the Centre there must await the return of settled conditions.

U San Mya, of Taungdwingyi, has continued his good work in the cause of education as Treasurer of the local Education Rehabilitation Committee. A talk on Karma was given to a select audience with diagrams from *First Principles of Theosophy*. To make the people of the district United Nations conscious, pamphlets were obtained from the American Information Service and distributed. Vegetarianism was encouraged and fostered by printing and distribution of leaflets written by a vegetarian Bhikkhu of the locality. Prayers in Pali and Burmese for World Peace and Peace in Burma were also printed and distributed widely in his part of the country which is still being held by the insurgents.

The Section Convention.—The 36th Annual Convention of the Section was held at Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, on 16th and 17th October, 1948. The programme consisted of five Convention lectures on "The Theosophist's Work for the New World," "Home Life in the New World," "A New Outlook for Humanity," "Education for the New World," and "Theosophy and the

Inner Life". There were the usual Section Council and general meetings, social meetings and question-and-answer meetings. The members lived together for the week-end and the whole proceedings aimed at catching, in a limited way, the spirit of Conventions at Adyar, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the International Conventions. The same spirit animated the Support Convention at Rangoon on the 26th December, 1948, when members tuned in to the proceedings of the International Convention at Adyar. Bros. H. M. Shroff, N. A. Naganathan and Mrs. R. Shroff were the delegates from Burma to the International Convention at Adyar.

The Burma Educational Trust.—The B. E. T. Co-Educational School has been raised to a full Post-Primary School and the Education Department has granted provisional recognition. The first batch of students for the Government School-Leaving Certificate Examination will be presented in March 1950. Much remains to be done, however, to make the School really Theosophical.

The Burma Humanitarian League reports a successful year of work. There were six broadcast talks organized by the League. A large number of handbills and pamphlets was distributed for vegetarianism and against animal sacrifices. At the instance of the League, His Excellency, the President of the Union, was pleased to order that "World Day for Animals" shall be observed on the 4th October every year throughout Burma by the closing of slaughter houses for the day.

Conclusion.—Our difficulties were many, but we may look back on the year that has just passed with a sense of having done our best. The Section Convention was elated to receive the following message from our President, C. Jinarājadāsa: "I thank you for your telegram of greetings from Convention. Every evening I send a

thought to the Lodge at Rangoon." Let us re-dedicate ourselves to the Cause, so that we may be deserving of the blessings from our Leaders and the Great Ones who watch over the desti-

nies of Humanity in the admittedly difficult task ahead of the Burma Section in the future.

PO LAT,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

During the past year the activity of our Section has been maintained with the usual intensity, which was even increased when the members united in Lodges with a view to more thorough working, the latter decidedly raising their intellectual and spiritual level. By these means each of the members joining the inner work of the Lodges was enabled to proceed in suing sympathies for our conception of world problems and in guiding those who were newly introduced into our Society.

As a proof of success in this direction, I may quote the fact that in the course of the past year two more Lodges have been constituted, one in Vienna and one in Graz, so that there are 14 active Lodges in the country, viz. seven in Vienna, five at Graz, one at Linz and one at Bruck a.d. Mur.

The interest in our public lectures has not subsided among people outside our Society, though the increase of new members has lessened. Our Vienna Federation of Lodges presents a public lecture once a week, our Styrian-Federation of Lodges once a fortnight; there are meetings of the Lodges in Vienna on all days of the week. Among the main problems for all members in Vienna are the great distances to be overcome in this city and the high tram-fare. These may be taken as one of the causes why we dropped 58 names from our lists during the last twelve months, although we counted 61 admissions of new members in our Section.

At the request of several members, especially those living outside the cities and quite isolated, we made an attempt to bring about a Workers'

Week at some nice alpine place of our country. Unfortunately our hopes were frustrated by the considerable rise of railway fares having taken place in June last, so that we had to drop this plan again.

Concerning public opinion, our movement has come to more general knowledge through our bi-monthly magazine *Adyar*, which has awakened the interest of a number of valuable persons.

In Austria there is another movement at work, the "Anthroposophy" founded by Dr. Rudolf Steiner, which is drawing on itself the attention of wider intellectual circles by the peculiar kind of sympathy for individualistic world conception, stressed by the present followers of Steiner. This is apt to lead to misunderstanding and confusion with Theosophy.

Thanks to financial assistance from the European Federation of the Theosophical Society, we were in a position to continue the publishing of our magazine *Adyar* for the German speaking part of Switzerland, for West-Germany and Austria. Furthermore our publishing-house "Adyar" at Graz, has published the book of our President, C. Jinarājadāsa, *The World as Idea, Emotion and Will*, translated into German by Mrs. Grete Hansmann, Lodge-Leader in Graz.

Before closing my report, I commemorate once more with sincere appreciation the famous "Relief Work" of the T.S. for our members, having come to an end in June 1949, in which the Brother-Sections in Australia, England, Holland, New Zealand and especially

our Brothers in U.S.A. Headquarters at Wheaton, have excelled in ready devotion and true brotherliness. To all those helpers, never seen, but ever felt,

we are expressing repeatedly our whole-hearted thanks.

Fritz Schleifer,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

In November 1948 Bishop Otto E. Viking of Denmark gave a series of lectures in Oslo, of which one was a public lecture on "The Unity of Religion". In January 1949, Mr. Elis Wikstrom, Stockholm, Sweden, gave a public lecture in Oslo on "Reincarnation and Christianity". In February the undersigned gave a public lecture on "Theosophy and Christianity," largely based on Dr. Annie Besant's *Some Problems of Life*, and in April Miss Edel Sparre lectured on "What is Theosophy?".

In the beginning of May we had the privilege of having a visit by Srimati Rukmini Devi, accompanied by the General Secretary of the European Federation, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Mr. Peter Hoffman and Mr. Boag. Rukmini Devi gave a public lecture on "Towards the Civilization of Tomorrow," and a talk on White Lotus Day, 8th of May, for members of the Theosophical Society. Also Mr. van Dissel talked on the importance of the international work of the Society and the link between the different Sections. Srimati Rukmini Devi also had an opportunity to meet the members of a newly founded Youth group in Oslo.

In the beginning of August we had our national summer school at Lofthus in Hardanger, one of the most beautiful parts of western Norway. The summer school was attended by about 35 members and outsiders, among them also a few from Great Britain, Sweden, and Denmark. Members from Stavanger, Haugesund, Bergen and Trondheim were present. As last year, the summer school was placed under the wise and inspiring leadership of Bishop

Otto E. Viking. Of his lectures, starting with "Where Science and Theosophy Meet—the etheric body"—largely based on Professor Kanga's work, the three on the Masters and the Hierarchy carried us to the height of spiritual reality. Also the daily meditations were wonderful. The weather could have been better, but still the summer school will be long remembered by all who attended it.

Just now a wonderful week has been spent, with our two distinguished visitors from Great Britain, Mrs. Josephine Ransom and Mr. Sidney Ransom as lecturers. During this week Mrs. Ransom gave a public lecture on "H. P. Blavatsky as Teacher and Occultist".

Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift as in previous years has been published with 6 issues a year, and has been sold at the newspaper stands in Oslo and other places. As before, Messrs. Erling Havrevold and Trygve Bauer Nilsen are supporting the publication financially.

We have now 134 members against 127 in the previous year. We have 9 new members. One member has resigned, and Mr. Einar Aune, member of the St. Olav-Lodge of Trondheim, has gone to the peace. He was a dear friend and in previous years a good worker.

As mentioned above, a Youth group has been founded in Oslo for the purpose of studying Theosophy and of attracting other young persons. On the other hand the group has established itself as a sort of "First aid," giving help when needed for public lectures, arranging meetings, selling books, etc. Three members of this

group attended the Congress of the European Federation in Paris this year.

Mr. Erling Havrevold and Mrs. Anna Michelsen (the Vice General Secretary of the Section) are working energeti-

cally with the project of getting suitable rooms for the work, lecture hall, library, etc., and we indeed hope that this good work will be crowned with success in the near future.

ERNEST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

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DENMARK

The Theosophical work during the winter season 1948/49 went on without great outer events. As usual regular public lectures were given at Copenhagen and Aarhus. The subjects for these lectures were most frequently "Karma," "Reincarnation," "Death" and similar subjects concerning the great and simple problems of mankind.

In Denmark the most common forms for members meetings are lecturing, conversation about a topic with introduction, or community-studying about a book. Some of the Lodges have as an exception tried other methods. The Lodge of Rudkbing tried during a meeting to let several members give a little speech upon a freely chosen subject.

In the Lodge of Aarhus we arranged a meeting in the form of a legal trial dealing with a complaint from the animals against the way in which they are treated by mankind. There were representatives for the animals, for the average people, and one representative for the Theosophical point of view. The assembly was considered to be a jury. The members enjoyed the meeting, which was very lively.

As in the previous year Mr. Otto Viking visited all the Lodges outside

Copenhagen during a lecture-tour in the autumn.

We enjoy very good co-operation with our brothers in the other northern countries: Norway, Sweden and Finland. This co-operation has developed especially through the summer schools at Gammel Præstegaard and Besantgaarden. The Sections of the northern countries issued a common Christmas-Copy of their magazines. This is of great value in the strengthening of the contacts between the Sections. Most of the members in the northern countries are able to understand the languages of the different Scandinavian countries.

There was no summer school at Gammel Præstegaard in 1949. But it is intended for 1950 to organize a summer school for the northern countries. We are looking forward to this summer school which will be led by Mrs. Ransom. It is in this way that we want to make a special effort in the Theosophical work during the 75th anniversary of our great and beloved Society. A big attendance is expected.

We had our annual convention at Aalborg on the 24th of April. The number of members in the Section increased to 361, which is two more than the year before.

In the month of May we enjoyed the visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi, who brought with her inspiration and enthusiasm for the great and marvelous objects of the Society.

I am sorry that from Denmark only my wife and I were able to attend the European Congress in Paris this summer.

In the month of September we had a visit from Mr. J. J. van Ginkel, who

lectured in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Gammel Præstegaard and Aalborg. He gave us of his vitality and devotion.

During the year a new Lodge has been founded at Bagsværd near Copenhagen. The name is Yggdrasil-Lodge. It has 7 members. The leader is Mrs. A. Engelstoft-Schmidt.

J. H. MÖLLER,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

The year under review has been one of varied interest and change.

The work of the Lodges has proceeded steadily and efficiently since our last annual Convention, which was held in Belfast, N. Ireland, June, 26-27, with Miss Clara Codd as Guest Speaker presiding at the Convention business meeting, and delivering the Convention Public Lecture "The Coming World Order," Sunday afternoon, June 27.

At a reception and social meeting, Miss Codd also addressed the members on "The Inner Side of Lodge Meetings". She conducted the Ceremony of Dedication of the new Lodges' premises at No. 18, Brookhill Avenue, Belfast.

Before her visit to Belfast, Miss Codd lectured to the Dublin Lodges' members on "Discipleship in the New Age" and gave a Public Lecture, "Life on the Other Side of Death" to a large and appreciative audience. Much good work has been accomplished by the Dublin Lodges' members throughout the year; we have been greatly favoured by visits and lectures from eminent Theosophists.

During the latter end of October, 1948, Mr. Sidney Ransom visited Dublin and gave interesting and inspiring addresses to the members and the public. An unexpected visit from

Bishop A. Vreede (Holland) was a delightful surprise. Dr. Vreede spent over a week in Dublin and gave generously of his wisdom and talent during his stay. The outstanding features of the Autumn Session were the lecture-tableaux on "Reincarnation and Karma" and the discussion on "The Powers Latent in Man" sponsored by Mr. Leslie Pielou, Sir Orme Rowan-Hamilton and Mr. Charles White. A musical and dramatic recital, organized by Mr. and Mrs. George Wood of London, was a source of great pleasure at the opening of the Winter Session in January 1949. Mrs. Lilian Yates (Folkestone) and Mr. William Aspden were most welcome visitors, as was also Mrs. Hilda Powell from England.

The Lotus Circle continued to be a source of joy and interest to the young children during the Autumn and Winter months. The usual study Group and Members' Meetings were held regularly during 1948-49. Headquarters was open throughout the year, for the exchange of library books and for enquirers. Several members visited Bray, Co. Wicklow, with the intention of forming a T. S. Centre there. On the whole, the Dublin Lodges' work has been sound; a keener awareness and more enthusiasm have been noted. Meetings have been well supported in

every way and audiences have evinced much interest in the lectures and discussions chosen.

Cork.—Dr Hugh Shearman visited the Cork Lodge in October, 1948. He reported that a number of enquirers attended his lectures, which were held in the homes of the members. The Cork Lodge membership remains the same.

Belfast.—During the Summer of 1948, the Belfast members gave their services wholeheartedly to the work of decorating and settling into their new Theosophical home at 18, Brookhill Avenue, Belfast, N. Ireland. The Belfast Lodges are to be congratulated on acquiring such a suitable and commodious hall for their Lodge activities. During the year, Mrs. Lilian Yates, Mrs. Hilda Powell, Mrs. Lavender Berry, and Mr. Sidney Ransom gave the Lodges the benefit of their wide and varied knowledge and experience.

Dr. A. G. Vreede was warmly welcomed to Belfast and delivered several addresses. Mr. Noel McMahon has been appointed Liaison Officer for Belfast for the Young Theosophists' Federation; Mrs. Claire O'Shea has been appointed to fill that office in Dublin.

Coleraine.—Very little news has been received from the Coleraine Lodge since the retirement of Mrs. Ivy Knox as President, and the election of Mr. William Cousins to that office. However, with the changes in the status of the T. S. in Ireland, and Northern Ireland now being declared a Presidential Agency, with Dr. Hugh Shear-

man as Presidential Agent, there is hope that a resurgence of Life will flow and that fresh energies will be evoked for further endeavours in Theosophical activity.

Membership :

Irish members as at 30th	
September, 1948	... 111
New Members to 30-9-1949.	12

123

Died, year ending 30-9-1949.	2
Resigned	... 9
Lapsed	... 4
Transferred to England	... 1
" Northern	
Ireland	... 64

80

Irish Members as at 30th	
September 1949	... 43

There is sometimes a tendency for members to forget or for Sections or Lodges to neglect to emphasize the International character of the Theosophical Society.

"A member joins not only a local Lodge, with its personal contacts, but a world-wide organization with a Universal Outlook. Its Philosophy and Teaching are as wide as the Universe. The Brotherhood it fosters is not only of our immediate neighbour in the Lodge, but of men and women everywhere, of all Faiths, Nations, and Races." (C. Jinarājādāsa)

ALICE LAW,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

During the year under report the work has been carried on at the normal speed in this Section of the Theosophical Society, the life vibrating more intensely within three of the five metro-

politan Lodges and seven of the twenty Lodges at cities of the Interior.

Two new Lodges and 60 new fellows were added to our active force. Our statistics show in the column of assets

438 active members; 25 Lodges and 2 most active Centres. In the column of outgoings: 15 lapsed and 4 died. On the whole the year shows an increase in comparison with the 1948 figures.

Propaganda was our main concern. All through the year at Headquarters public weekly lectures were delivered on various topics. Every Tuesday, from July onwards, our small salon has been entirely filled up by an audience strongly interested in new ideas and in Theosophy. Two Lodges in the Interior, "Claridad" (of Nueva Casas Grandes, Chih.) and "Apolonio de Tyana" (of Veracruz, Ver.) are particularly radiant with enthusiasm for Theosophy and for the spreading of its teachings. Members of the last one visit prisoners, some of them having joined the Lodge after being free from jail.

Besides our Sectional Bulletin the following were the means of printed propaganda all through the year in the country: 30,000 copies of the eight-page free leaflet *Dharma* with excerpts from Mr. Pavri's *Theosophy Explained*; 4,000 copies of *Teosofía Práctica*, by Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa which is being sold at non-profit price; and 1,000 copies of a pamphlet containing C. Jinarājadāsa's lecture *Por qué no es Ud. Teósofo?* edited by Prof. J. Francisco Alcaraz and freely sent by him to our Lodges for gratis distribution.

In one of our local leading daily papers, *El Universal*, and as a series of articles written by a supposed lawyer, appeared two complete lectures by C. Jinarājadāsa, "Nuevas Orientaciones en Educación" and "Desarmemos la Guerra", copied from the book *Dioses Encadenados*. At once we knew whence such articles were taken; however, upon investigation and considering that the teaching was being read by a great number of subscribers and that no money was paid for such "articles,"

no rectification was made as regards the author's true name.

Adyar, White-Lotus, Besant Anniversary, and Founders Days were commemorated by almost all our Lodges, as well as Foundation Day of the United Nations, this according to the special call received from Adyar. Our Lodges possessing five sets of 35 mm. films for lantern lectures on the work of the U. N., the lectures are easy for them.

For the A. B. C. Fund we sent to Adyar U. S. \$140.00 collected during the year among members of this Section.

At the beginning of the year, parcels with food and some men's clothes were sent to T. S. members at Berlin and Hanover, Germany.

Deceased. Four members of long standing in our rolls left this planet "en route" for Devachan! Prof. Bernardo L. Rios, old school teacher; Mr. Augusto F. Gerling, a very learned Theosophist and author; Mrs. Maria Eugenia S. de Obregón, co-founder of the "Loto Blanco" Lodge, and Mr. Manuel Martiarena, a faithful server and lecturer whose diploma was signed by the General Secretary of the Cuban Section (1918) shortly before the birth of ours.

On the 23rd of September the General Secretary left the local airport arriving nine hours after at Tijuana, Lower California, the farthest north-west point of this country. The local dormant Lodge "Luz de Occidente" was then awakened and reorganized; twelve members are now injecting life in it. Three public lantern lectures were delivered at the spacious hall of the public School "Alvaro Obregón". At Mexicali, B. C., another border city, a new Lodge was founded and three public lectures delivered at the Government School for boys and girls "Cuauhtémoc". During his short visit to Los Angeles and Ojai, (Krotona) two lectures were also delivered in the "España" Lodge of Hollywood, and

finally, on his return trip to the city of Mexico a three days stop was made at Celaya, Gto., a city of many Catholic churches and influences, where the two lectures were attended by a few persons who contacted Theosophy for the first time.

A new deed or public instrument is being legalized as a basis for further arrangements towards the demolition of our ugly Headquarters and the erection of a modern many-storied building, as the Home of the Theosophical Society in Mexico.

Our next Annual Convention is to be held at Guadalajara, the second city of this country, where two Lodges

are busy preparing the gathering and announcing three public lectures for the 28th, 29th and 30th of December, 1949.

In our midst the spirit of Brotherhood, which is one of the distinctive marks of all true students of Theosophy, has been alive all through the year. We hope to persevere, to be ever inspired by the lofty Theosophical Ideals of Service, and to be able to put them into practice, always co-operating with our beloved and respected President.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

Generally speaking the condition of the National Society in Canada is much the same as at this time last year. But there is, however, a slight improvement regarding the financial situation and that of membership, as well as an increase in the number of subscribers to the magazine. It is to be regretted that donations to the various funds have dropped off, thus curtailing our activities somewhat. The increase in membership is heartening but the number of those not in good-standing renders the improvement very small. There is very little change, a total of 11 members for the year. But it will also be noted that there are 30 inactive members on the list. This is unfortunate as otherwise our total membership would have exceeded 400. We lost 9 members by death, 2 resigned and 1 joined on demit, leaving the grand total of 376. The magazine continues in a very healthy condition and is spoken of most highly and I am glad to note that the number of new subscribers is increasing.

A Fraternization Convention was held in Toronto on September 4/5th, 1948, when the Toronto Lodge was the

host and assigned its headquarters for the purpose. Here congregated members and friends of the various Lodges round about, some coming from as far off as Kitchener. Mr. Emory Clapp was the prime instigator and I was appointed chairman for the occasion. An interesting programme for the two days had been arranged and Mr. Clapp gave a talk that was later printed in the magazine. It was felt that this convention should be held, even though there was not the co-operation from other branches of the Society that was anticipated, in order ostensibly to keep the idea alive, and although it was not the success it deserved to be, it however showed that there are among us many who consider that we should all pull together and present to the world a united front, demonstrating the first Object of the Society and that unity among ourselves, which is so very necessary.

In the past twelve months we have had a number of outside speakers visiting the various Lodges, among them being Dr. Alvin Kuhn, Mr. N. Sri Ram, Mr. Rupert Lesch, Professor Ernest Wood, Mr. Cyril Benton and others.

By special invitation of the Theosophical Society, Covina, I went to Toledo and spoke to the Lodge there, where I had a most friendly reception. I was very happy to do this, as I feel all branches of the Society should cultivate the most friendly relations between themselves. Our President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, who, in visiting America was to have visited many of our Lodges, was unfortunately prevented by illness, but happily recovered sufficiently to carry out part of the programme and was able to visit Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. Whilst in Toronto the General Executive entertained him to luncheon at the Royal York Hotel where all the available members forgathered.

In August 1948 I attended the American Convention in Chicago and again in June this year. Whilst there I spoke in a symposium and afterwards presented a painting of mine for their headquarters in Olcott which was very much appreciated and will, I feel sure,

do much to cement the good feeling existing between the two Sections. Much pleasure was also aroused by the presence of our editor, Mr. Dudley Barr, who accompanied me.

A large amount of work in connection with a back-log caused by the transition from the old regime to the present and, I may say, unavoidable owing to various circumstances, has been caught up, and the machinery of the Section is now in good working order. There was no election for the General Executive this year as all the Lodges designated their desire that the *status quo* be maintained. Therefore as we take office for another term we trust that our efforts will justify that decision and that the work we perform plus the necessary enthusiasm of the Lodges themselves will bring about those ideals which imbue us all.

E. L. THOMSON,

General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

The Theosophical movement in Argentina grows steadily in spite of the small divergencies which there are in our Section, but which happily tend to disappear through the goodwill of all.

Especially in Buenos Aires, the Capital of the Republic, the influx of new members and new Lodges continues with an accelerated rhythm. *Lodge Argentina* reached 50 members, *Lodge Dharma* 80, and *Lodge Meditación* 100, proving that the work of these Lodges is very active and successful. *Lodge J. M. Olivares* recently founded in the capital started with 37 new members. Another Lodge which is growing rapidly is *Lodge Evolución* of Santa Fé which had gained 34 members within a short time.

Our number of Lodges and groups has increased to 64 and we are already laying the foundations of two or three more Lodges in the capital, another in the south of the country in Punta Alta, and another in the north in the Territory of Misiones.

The number of members in Argentina has reached 1,116. The magazine *Revista Teosófica Argentina* enters the twentieth year of its life, and the magazine *Evolución* its sixteenth. The Spanish edition of *The Theosophist* continues to be published in spite of difficulty in obtaining paper and workers.

Only a few Theosophical books have been published in this country for the same reason. The few new books which are now published come from Mexico. We are trying to print in

Spanish the interesting book by Dr. Besant, *Theosophy and the New Psychology*, which has never been published in Spanish.

In October we expect two leading Theosophists. One is Dr. Eduardo Alfonso, at present resident in Chile, author of various Theosophical works, who will give lectures in our Section Headquarters and in some cities in the interior of the country. The other is also a Spanish Theosophist, Don Luis

G. Lorenzana, ex-General Secretary of Spain, who is making a trip to Argentina and whom we expect at the end of October.

The Biblioteca Teosófica Argentina presided over by the General Secretary, Señor Olivares, has at present 250 members and non-members of the T. S. It contains 10,500 books, all on Theosophy and allied subjects.

J. M. OLIVARES,
General Secretary.

CHILE

Membership 129 in 10 Lodges.

BRAZIL

The Lodges.—Of the six Lodges re-constituted and founded in 1948 outside the State of Sao Paulo, one unfortunately has become inactive. It is Lodge Blavatsky of Florianopolis, State of Santa Catarina. This was certainly one of the Lodges which had most probability of development. It contained some old students of Theosophy. This authorizes us to prophecy that it has a sufficiently promising future. We maintain meanwhile an active correspondence with one member there who will do everything to stimulate Theosophical work in that Capital.

Of the twenty-six Lodges founded in the State of Sao Paulo in the period 1948-49, we also find more than half are inactive. Various causes contribute to this. The principal one is the lack of experience of those who are directing the Lodges. There is sometimes a lack of direction and too little knowledge of Theosophy on the part of some elements who necessarily are lacking experience. Another factor which perhaps contributed to this result is the lack of effective assistance during the early phases of

the work of these Lodges. This work is in the hands of the Propaganda Department but perhaps the great number of new Lodges makes it difficult to carry out the work in a methodical and effective way. We are gaining, however, in this respect, a great deal of experience which will serve to direct our future work. Nevertheless the Society has gained, although in some cities the Lodges which formerly functioned are now inactive, and there remain readers and members who are dedicated to the work and who continue to give their aid to the cause of Theosophy. These help in the work of diffusing our ideals. And it is necessary to point out that some of the new Lodges have come up to the best expectations and are contributing to the growth of the Society in our country.

This year Lodge Himalaia was founded in Nova Friburgo, State of Rio de Janeiro.

We note the activity of two groups of students in this Capital, one in the suburb of Santana and another in the Jardim Paulista. They are growing

and we think that they may soon become Lodges.

The Union of Young Theosophists continues to carry out its Objects: 1. To bring Theosophy to the Youth of the World. 2. To help to support the Theosophical Society. 3. To work towards the formation of a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour. They have tried various experiments to attract a larger number of young people to the Union, without obtaining the expected results. The young people resolved to adopt the method of study and debate which had awakened the greatest interest. This Youth movement helped by the work of Rukmini Devi for the Youth of the world is of great value for the future progress of Society in our country and deserves the special attention of the General Secretary. All shall be done to help the progress of this undertaking.

We must also register another happy beginning which, if it succeeds, will contribute to the progress of the Society and to the expansion of the teachings of Theosophy. This is the starting of the Children's Theosophical Club which holds its meetings in Lodge Sao Paulo. To this work the Society will give all aid.

Book Club.—The Editorial Teosofica Adyar, S.A. was founded with the purpose of translating and publishing in Portuguese Theosophical books. It found that the problem was not only that of editing the books. Of what value would be this work if the books remained on the shelves of the publishers? In order to spread the published work representatives of the Publishing House were appointed in a majority of our Lodges. These representatives were to awaken the interest of the members to buy the books, show them the advantage of lending them to their friends and acquaintances, show what benefits could be gained from this literature, and indeed to act as

true propaganda agents to the local libraries to get those interested to buy the books and to make a lively display of these publications to the public.

The work needs to be expanded. It is necessary to circulate a larger number of books from month to month. The Publishing House possesses a modest capital, insufficient to attain its visualized objective. It needs to turn over one edition in the least possible time in order to make a new edition. For this reason there has been formed a *Book Club*. It has only been in existence a very short time but it has already 70 members. The monthly subscription is \$ 10, each member receiving an interesting book to the value paid. I believe that this work will grow steadily. It will be a strong help to the current that carries forward Theosophy in Brazil.

O Teosofista.—The official organ of the Society in Brazil continues its educative work efficiently in spreading our teachings. Since it contains social news of the events of interest in the life of our Society, it brings together the members in our country. It has been despatched with complete regularity to the subscribers. One thing however remains to be adjusted, that is the economic situation. The expenses still exceed the income. So in April of this year we sent a circular to all asking for assistance, seeing that 400 subscribers regularly receive the Review with little or no payment. This created a problem which almost obliged us to publish our Review once in two months. Happily our appeal was successful and we can continue to publish monthly as before. Worthy of special mention is the valuable contribution of some devoted Brothers resident in Rio de Janeiro. To these we offer our sincere thanks. Nor should we omit to make reference to the devoted work and sense of responsibility shown by the Editor-in-Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Review. We present

to them also our thanks. There are at present 681 subscribers. It is necessary to increase this number. We hope to obtain new subscribers with the help of members in general and especially through the work of the representatives of the Review in the Lodges.

Convention.—The Annual Convention of the Section was held on 16-19th December 1948 in Sao Paulo. Happy memories come to the mind of those who had the happiness of participating. The inaugural session took place at the Conservatorium of Drama and Music of Sao Paulo. Lectures were given on "The Raising of the Moral Standard of Collective Life," "Propagation of Theosophy in Brazil and its Influence on the Progress of the Country" and "Universal Peace". An artistic programme was presented by the artists of the Department of Culture of the Municipal Prefecture and the state quartet of musicians. Four full sessions were held at the Headquarters of the Theosophical Society in Brazil during which lectures and discussions took place on various subjects.

Among the decisions reached were: (1) To re-establish the Theosophical Order of Service to co-ordinate the activities of the members in social and humanitarian service; (2) To appeal to the authorities concerned to re-introduce the teaching of moral and social discipline in the primary and secondary schools; (3) To help the work for international peace and solidarity of the United Nations recommending to individual members that they should endeavour to spread the information and to help the work of the United Nations. The closing session was held in the Municipal Library Hall. A great help to the brilliance of the Convention was the collaboration of the Secretary for Public Security of the State and the Municipal Prefecture of the Capital. The first gave us an omnibus to take the visitors to picturesque places in the city and the second placed at our dis-

posal the artists of the Department of Culture and ample accommodation at the Estadio Pacaembu as additional lodging for some participants in the Congress.

We are arranging another National Convention for 17-21st November next. We shall meet in the capital of the State of Bahia. A great enthusiasm for this event may be observed and is shown by the fact that already 50 members have asked to be registered for passages in the two aeroplanes placed at our disposal with capacity for 56 persons and on the payment now of a third of the normal value of the passage.

We must give the information also that in 1950 in this Capital the South American Congress of Theosophy will be held. There will be present representatives from the various South American Countries, including the distinguished President of the South American Federation, Señora Julia de la Gama.

Membership.—The membership on September 30th, 1949 was 916. Lodges number 48.

Section Property.—We received for a Lodge of this Capital as a donation from a member of the Theosophical Society a piece of land of 55 square metres in Jandira, a suburb of the Capital. This has been put aside to found on this land a holiday colony of buildings in which some could live and give their services to the Society. It would be perhaps the experimental beginning of a community. There is meanwhile, at the moment, another more serious problem to be solved. There is need of a headquarters property for the work of Theosophy in this Capital where the Lodges can meet which at present lack space for their activities and where the work in general can be centralized. With the constant growth of the Capital causing a housing crisis, there has been recently a great rise in the cost of land situated in places easy of access. We have

noted that if the land at Jandira were broken up and sold in lots its value would increase 10 times. That being the case it would be of great value. We had in mind to create our own Headquarters, the dream of many Theosophists. Those interested met and approved that the land at Jandira should be so sold so that what is gained should be used to build the Headquarters in the Capital. There were several suggestions concerning where the building should be built. Finally there appeared an opportunity. In the vicinity of the Airport of Congonhas, a place where all the aeroplanes from South America and their passengers pass through, there was acquired for the price of Cr. \$127.500,00 and for

payment by loans a piece of land 16,00 x 25,00 where we shall be able to erect a headquarters worthy of the National work of Theosophy. Within a few days we shall sell in lots the land in Jandira and make loans. We have started a campaign for bricks for our headquarters. Each brick is of value Cr. \$3. The product of this campaign should help to buy the bricks and cement for its construction. In case some time there should be any difficulties we intend to create a Theosophical Foundation of Sao Paulo whose objectives, once approved, cannot be altered except by law.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

At the last annual meeting of the Section held at the Headquarters Hall on the 2nd and 3rd of October, I had the honour of being re-elected for the 14th time. In the evening of the second day I gave a public lecture on "Wisdom Schools".

The work is proceeding much in the same way as before. The Order of Service, under the able leadership of Mrs. Svava Fells, has collected great sums of money for repairs and painting of the interior of the Headquarters Hall, and in the future the Order will turn its attention to other and more spiritual things, *e. g.* edition of Theosophical books, which is greatly needed.

Our magazine, *Gangleri*, has been issued twice as usual. Its financial status is gradually improving.

Last summer I travelled in the northern part of our country and gave both private and public lectures, once in a church. Many of the Icelandic priests are very liberal-minded and sympathize both with Theosophy and Spiritualism, and I know that if I only could give time enough to travel in the country, many churches would be open to me and the message of Theosophy. Perhaps Iceland is unique in this respect.

The President of the Order of Service worked amongst children last winter, and one of the aims of the Order is to bring art and beauty into our Theosophical work in a greater degree than before.

Several times I have given lectures over the radio of the State, and I

venture to say that they have always been appreciated by the public.

Attendance at our weekly meetings is of course variable, but on the whole I am glad to be able to report a growing life and enthusiasm in our Section.

In June we had a Summer School, conducted by Edwin C. Bolt from England, in the neighbourhood of Reykjavik. The School was attended by 27 persons and was very successful.

GRETAR FELLS,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

Membership 218 in 10 Lodges.

WALES

Membership.—At the end of the previous year, the membership was 170. It is now 164. 4 new members have been enrolled and 3 have rejoined. 5 members were transferred to other Sections and 9 transferred to Wales from other Sections. There has been a total loss of 6. There are still some members who are inactive and in arrears with their dues and I fear that more will lapse during the current year. National dues were increased as from 1st July, 1948.

The Treasurer reports a decrease in the amount of dues received from members and also in the amount received in donations as compared with the previous year.

Lodges and Centres.—During the year Penarth Lodge, which had been dormant for some years, was revived with Mr. Devaney as President and Mrs. Devaney as Secretary.

The Llandebie Lodge in West Wales is now a centre—practically all the members of this Lodge having lapsed.

A new Centre has been formed in Carmarthen, the county town of Carmarthenshire, where Mrs. Husband, an active Y. T., is sparing no effort to revive the work in West Wales. A public lecture will be given here in October by Mr. Peter Freeman.

The Newport, Pontypool, Swansea and Merthyr Lodges are still dormant. Efforts have been made throughout the year to revive the Newport and Swansea Lodges where there are enough members. It is hoped that Pontypool and Newport may join forces and Merthyr members have declared their willingness to make an effort this Autumn.

Colwyn Bay and Cardiff Lodges have continued to do good work, regular members' and public meetings having been held. Colwyn Bay has suffered a great loss in the death of their leader Miss Griffith, but we are glad to say that Plas Bendith will still be available as a Centre for T. S. work.

Wrexham with its small number of members carries on bravely with regular members' meetings.

Cardiff Lodge has been greatly helped by the visits of our leaders, Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. N. Sri Ram, who spent week-ends in Cardiff in the summer. It was very disappointing that owing to local difficulties visits to Colwyn Bay could not be arranged. It is hoped that in the coming year special efforts will be possible to develop the work in North Wales.

Young Theosophists.—A very pleasing development in the Section has been the formation of a Young Theosophists' Group. Mrs. Husband of Carmarthen is the Secretary and Liaison Officer. A monthly News Sheet is issued to the members. When Srimati Rukmini Devi was in Cardiff a very happy gathering of Y.T.'s and friends was arranged. Two Cardiff Y.T.'s hold regularly a meeting of young people in their home. The desire of the Y.T.'s to work closely with their local Lodge and to give it their active support is a very happy augury for the future.

Our *Annual Convention* held in September, 1948, at which Miss Codd and Professor van der Ley were our guest speakers, was an outstanding success. It was marked by the honour of a Civic Reception when our brother Alderman Robinson, J.P., was Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff. There was a very good and representative attendance.

I have attended two meetings of the British Isles and Ireland Regional Committee. This has been formed to

co-ordinate the work of the Sections in Great Britain and Ireland. Joint Summer Schools will in future be organized and the 1950 School will be at Bangor in North Wales.

I attended the Convention of the English Section at Whitsuntide and during the year England's General Secretary has visited Cardiff and Colwyn Bay and the General Secretary for Scotland has visited Cardiff. Thus the link between the British Sections is being strengthened.

In July, 1949, I attended the meetings of the European Federation Council at Varengeville, France, together with Miss Craven and Miss Eleanor Edwards. We also attended the European Congress in Paris.

Headquarters Building.—A number of necessary repairs to the roof, etc., have been undertaken but more is necessary in the way of repairs and decoration to keep the building from deteriorating. Insurance premiums have been increased to meet the increase in the value of the property.

The *Headquarters Library* which contains about 2,800 volumes is open on two afternoons a week and before and after all public lectures and members' meetings. During the year 346 books were borrowed. Many of these are sent by post to subscribers in Wales. The Library has a balance in hand of £ 57 and it is hoped to purchase extra bookshelves. Some of this money will be used to send books on Theosophy to Public Libraries in Wales.

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

The Uruguayan Section now consists of 70 members. The Lodges are Vidya, Karma Marga, Harmonia, Ariel and Pallas Atenea. There is one Study Group, Morya.

The Lodges carry out their Theosophical work regularly. They meet weekly with a good attendance of members and visitors. The Theosophical subjects dealt with in all the Lodges are varied and in accordance with the characteristics of the Lodges. Nevertheless the main object of all is to connect the teachings of Theosophy with local and world events and also with the daily life of the members.

On Mondays the Morya Group holds public lectures which are advertised in the Press and in which they have the help of the more intellectual members. During part of the year lectures were given on Sundays on the radio by a member of the Society on selected themes from the teachings.

The group of Young Theosophists has entered on a new period of activity with much enthusiasm. If this continues we hope that they will do fine work for Theosophy in the future.

LUIS SARTHOU,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

During the past years the Lodges, especially the two in San Juan, have shown a great deal more enthusiasm. We are having a brighter outlook in the meetings and quite a number of younger people attend them, which we needed so badly.

The Annual Convention held on April the 17th was a great success; we had the largest audience we have registered for a number of years. Our devoted brother A. J. Plard, former Secretary for a period of eighteen years, insisted on giving the opportunity to some other member to serve as such, so I was honoured by the whole Section with the denomination. I do hope our work will achieve my dreams of bringing back the Society to what it was before.

We held proper celebrations on White Lotus Day, Founders Day and Adyar Day.

We have sent quite a number of parcels of food and clothes to the German Section.

Our budget to send Adyar for the A. B. C. Fund amounts to \$1,000, of

which we have sent already \$500 this year. We make a regular collection on Adyar Day to help our International Centre.

My trips to Olcott, Wheaton, Ill., Mexico and Cuba in 1946, and to Europe where I visited some Lodges in England, France, Switzerland, Belgium, and St. Michaels, Huizen in 1948, have given me the opportunity of making connections with some of the members of all these countries and new links for our Society.

Our mimeographed bulletin continues its circulation and we are happy to say it is helping a lot our propaganda for the T. S.

We are sorry we could not have the visit of our Chief Brother, Mr. Jinārājādāsa when he went to U.S.A. I am sure it would have been a great help to our movement.

The membership at the end of this year is 81, 4 new members, 3 re-admitted, 2 dead and 10 dropped.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIJA

No Report

CEYLON

The attendance at our meetings, which were mostly held on the first and third Fridays of each month, is growing steadily. Last year we started with an attendance of approximately 10 people. This figure has now risen to 20 or more. Our thanks for this should go to the visitors who have come into our midst to address us and to the members and their friends.

We were also blessed by the visit of Mr. Jinarājadāsa, our President, who gave two public lectures, and attended a members' meeting with a social afterwards. There were over 60 people present on this occasion.

In March we had Mr. N. Sri Ram with us and he also gave a public lecture. Later Bishop H. Banks from New Zealand gave us some talks and lectures which were very well attended and much appreciated by all.

Mr. C. R. Groves also addressed the members, but due to his short visit was unable to arrange any public meetings. Other guests, who have

spoken to us, include Swami Sitha-thamanandji of the Rama Krishna Mission who spoke on Vedanta, and Mr. U. G. Krishnamurti of India who gave some public lectures too.

A special meeting was held to mark Dr. Annie Besant's anniversary, when members and guests spoke of their recollections of this great leader.

At meetings at which visitors are not present to talk to us, talks are given by Mr. Choksy, President of the Lanka Lodge, whose efforts to impart knowledge to others are much appreciated.

Visitors from other countries are specially welcomed, as their presence symbolizes so well the International Brotherhood of our Society.

With our nucleus of enthusiastic members, we look forward to increased activity during the coming year.

N. K. CHOKSY,

Presidential Agent.

GREECE

The number of our members during this year has decreased by 5. On the 30th September, 1949, we had 250 members, of which 211 belong to Lodges and the remaining 39 are Section members.

The Lodges are still 6 in Athens and 1 in Salonica.

The subjects of the work of the Lodges Plato, Pythagoras, Nirvana, and Annie Besant were pure Theosophical teachings. The Lodge Orpheus

worked on subjects from the ancient Greek Mythology, the Lodge Socrates on modern Psychology, and the Lodge Light on the views of Krishnamurti. The lectures of each Lodge were given every week or every fortnight.

There also took place Theosophical evenings, as we call them, in which members of all the Lodges were gathered together with lectures on subjects of general Theosophical interest.

Adyar Day was celebrated successfully as well as White Lotus Day, and

also the 20th Anniversary of continual service as General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Greece of Mr. Kimon Prinaris.

The Greek Theosophical Bulletin *Theosophikon Deltion* has been issued regularly during this year every 3 months.

Our library has been open throughout the year and the circulation of its books was very active.

KIMON PRINARIS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Membership 169 in 12 Lodges

PARAGUAY

No Report

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200 Members in 10 Lodges

PHILIPPINES

The Philippine National Section has made substantial progress during the year, reflected in members' steadier and more numerous attendance at meetings and programmes, a deeper understanding of Theosophical teachings acquired in group studies, and an increase in membership from 224 of last year to 258 this year.

An outstanding individual accomplishment is the recent publication of Prof. Benito F. Reyes' book entitled, *Scientific Proofs of the Existence of the Soul*. Also worthy of mention is the

great service of Dr. Magdalo Francisco rendered to many members as drugless healer. Five of our leading members are currently in the faculty of the largest University in the Islands, where they are doing yeoman service for Theosophy among the youth of that institution.

Our Lodges continue to hold alternate open and closed meetings, weekly or every other week, where the emphasis is to inspire the members to apply the teachings in their daily life and in the service of the people.

The Philippine Theosophical Institute has finished its two years' course of lectures and classes on Cosmogogenesis and Anthropogenesis, and has just begun a new series on Elements of Theosophy for new members and the public, and on The Path for the older members.

The Grade School under the Institute has increased its enrolment to around 150 children, and is beginning to be self-supporting. The teachers are mostly members of the Section, who are working at much self-sacrifice.

New plans for the coming year include a campaign for more members and a wider dissemination of Theosophy, through radio broadcasts and the holding of meetings and programmes in the provinces. The Young Theosophists have just launched the formation of a cultural group among the students of the various colleges in the city. A class for young lecturers has also begun.

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

During the months of May and June I made a lecture tour in the North of the country and to some cities in Venezuela and organized the work there. Lodge Nuevo Ciclo in the city of Caracas, Lodge Barquisimeto in Barquisimeto and Lodge Zulia in the city of Maracaibo, were founded with 8, 8 and 7 members respectively. Also I left some groups in the cities of the Tránsito which very soon will be organized into Lodges. I also left organized Lodge Mansión Religare, with 9 members in the city of Cúcuta

and Lodge Liberación in the city of Carmen with 22 members. Lodges Filadelfia, Pitágoras, Luz del Oriente and Sol del Norte have been dissolved because of the political situation.

At the moment the Government has declared a state of siege and the country is deprived of many liberties.

Up to the present we continue in this Capital meeting normally and we are confident that the Great Masters will protect Their Work, and we continue to be optimistic concerning the triumph of the white forces over the evil.

RAMON MARTINEZ,
General Secretary.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

I have much pleasure in submitting the Second Annual Report of the activities of this Section for the year ending 30th September, 1949.

Lodges and Membership.—The number of Lodges affiliated to this Section is seven, the same as in the previous year. All the Lodges took keen interest in the Theosophical work and were very active during the year, especially after the First Convention at Zanzibar.

Membership steadily increased and during the year 29 new energetic members were added to the list making a grand total of 129—an increase of 29%.

Activities.—Regular weekly meetings were held by all the Lodges at which discourses and lectures on subjects pertaining to Theosophy were read and discussed.

Bharat Punja Vidhan Ceremony was regularly performed by the members of

all Lodges and the attendance was very encouraging throughout the year.

Special meetings on important days like Vaishaki Purnima, Founders Anniversary Days, Remembrance Day, etc., were held as last year, when members delivered addresses befitting the occasions. Bro. P. D. Master of Mombasa Lodge prepared a description of the solemn occasion of the Vaishaki Purnima and distributed typed copies to the members of his Lodge and explained the significance and the importance of the day. In the Krishna Lodge, Bro. H. D. Shah gave a short discourse, while at Nairobi Mr. S. G. Amin, Barrister-at-law, explained the theory of Avatar and the place of Lord Buddha in that light in the evolution of mankind. Mr. Amin who is an ex-president of the East African Indian National Congress and a disciple of Shri Aurobindo Ghose was kind enough to give discourses on Shri Aurobindo's essays on *Bhagavad Gita* during the ordinary Lodge meetings throughout the year under review, besides giving lectures on Theosophical subjects on important occasions, and we are very grateful to him for his zeal in that matter.

At Mombasa, on Ashad Purnima—Guru Purnima—day, the members joined the members of the India Cultural Mission deputed by Bharat Seva Ashram Sangham which toured East Africa under the leadership of Swami Advitananji. The members of the mission held a mass prayer in the morning when Mr. P. D. Master also spoke, and in the evening Swamiji spoke on the significance of Sacrifice (Yagna) and a Haven Ceremony was performed in which Mr. Master took part.

It may not be out of place to record that Swamiji while in East Africa gave many lectures which without doubt covered the subjects on which Theosophists of this place wanted illumination. Swamiji exhorted people to read Theo-

sophical literature if they wanted to understand religion scientifically. As a result of his work, the number of those attending the *Gita* class at Mombasa increased and the understanding of the position of a Guru in the life of a disciple touched the heart of those who were really eager to know about it.

Other Activities :

1. At Krishna Lodge, the Lodge Library was kept open during the evening when members and those interested in our literature assembled and read or discussed portions of the subjects read there and thereby tried to increase Theosophical knowledge.
2. At Mombasa, Lodge members have taken a leading part in founding and running "Gandhi Society". It is an institution founded by Mr. P. D. Master after the death of Mahatma Gandhi to propagate his principles and ideals. Weekly meetings on Saturdays have been held throughout the year, and it is gratifying to note that Mr. and Mrs. Pizzighelli and Mr. Manilal Gandhi attended one of the meetings and expressed their satisfaction.
3. At Chake Chake, the Secretary of Bharat Lodge, Mr. H. I. Bhatt, opened a *Gita* Class for the exposition of the teachings of the Holy Book to the boys and girls of that place.

The Journal.—For the diffusion of Theosophical doctrines and teachings, since 1942, the Krishna Lodge, Zanzibar, was publishing the journal *Saurabh*. It was decided at the last Convention that the publication should be entrusted to the Section, and accordingly a fund was raised to meet the cost and the Krishna Lodge willingly promised to hand over the balance of the fund under their charge and contributed

handsomely towards it. Other Lodges followed and the amount raised was quite sufficient to last more than two years. Mr. P. D. Master was unanimously elected its editor for the year and I am glad to say that he has done his part well. The assistance rendered to him by Mr. Haribhai S. Patel, the President of the Mombasa Lodge, is highly commendable. This bi-monthly journal was distributed free to members and others interested in our work.

Other Publications.—During the year, two booklets (1) *How Theosophy Came to East Africa*, and (2) *The Theosophical Society—A Look Back*, both by the able pen of Mr. Master were published by the Section and their free distribution was possible by the generosity of Mr. D. M. Shah for the first and Mr. V. H. Kapadia for the second. Our thanks are due to these generous brothers.

Distinguished Visitors.—Mombasa, Zanzibar and Dar-es-salaam were fortunate to have visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Pizzighelli of South Africa and the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Bonjer passed through East Africa and they were good enough to deliver lectures, the former on Kalakshetra and its activities at Adyar and the latter on Theosophy in general, which were very much appreciated.

Another well-known visitor was Mr. Manilal Gandhi, who takes keen interest in the welfare of Indian Communities in Africa and who on his way to the South attended the *Gita* Class in Mombasa conducted by our Mombasa Lodge.

Convention.—The most important event of the year was the holding at Zanzibar of the First Convention of the National Society during the Christmas of 1948, at which, it is gratifying to record, practically all the Lodges were represented. A full three-day programme was arranged and, besides sight-seeing, lectures were delivered when the hall was packed to its utmost capacity by members, visitors and sympathizers. A provisional Constitution was adopted

and arrangements completed for the publication, and free distribution among members, of *Saurabh*, a bi-monthly bilingual journal published by the Society.

Second Convention.—The National Society has accepted with gratitude the kind invitation by the Nairobi Lodge to hold the Second Convention at Nairobi on 24th, 25th and 26th December, 1949.

Official Visits.—During the year under review our National President and the National Vice-President proceeded to India. Before their departure, the National President paid official visits to Mombasa and Dar-es-salaam, while our National Treasurer visited Mombasa, Nairobi and Dar-es-salaam and myself Dar-es-salaam and Pemba, where we all were pleased to see the working of the Lodges. I delivered public lectures at Wete, under the auspices of the Hindu Mandal, especially with a view to acquaint the public of that place with the Theosophical teachings and the work of the Society. Mr. A. B. Patel, a member of the Executive Committee, also visited Chake Chake Lodge and expressed his satisfaction of what he had seen there.

Obituary.—It is with the greatest regret that I have to record the passing away to eternal light of Mr. Keshvlal Vajeram Dwivedi at Umreth, his native place. He was one of the founders and an old member of the Mombasa Lodge.

Finance.—The financial position of the Section is very sound and shows a net balance of Sh. 2955.65 on 30-9-1949.

Thanks.—The National Council is grateful to all the Secretaries and members of the Lodges for their hearty co-operation and goodwill during the year. Our thanks are also due to Mr. G. T. Pratap, of the Zanzibar Audit Department and a member of Krishna Lodge, for having kindly audited the accounts.

Adyar.—On behalf of the members of this Section, I take this opportunity to send our loving and loyal greetings to the President and members of the Adyar Council for their unceasing labours and their splendid services to the cause of Theosophy and for helping humanity throughout the world and

especially in this part of the world where the benefit of the Light is little known. Our thanks are especially due to our energetic Recording Secretary for her advice and help in our work.

A. F. KANGA,
National Secretary.

PAKISTAN

When the work of the Theosophical Lodges in Pakistan was separated from that of the Indian Section, to which it had hitherto belonged, conditions in both countries were not yet settled. A number were still undecided about their future. Little by little, the situation has become more stabilized, and we can now look ahead to the work of re-organizing Theosophical work in Pakistan.

Before partition, we had Lodges functioning at Karachi (three Lodges), Hyderabad (Sind), Sukker, Rohri, Shikarpur, Larkana, Multan, Lahore, Quetta; and four Lodges in East Pakistan, at Maguira, Narail, Jessore and Comilla. Of these, as active Lodges, we have left now only the three Lodges at Karachi and one at Hyderabad. At Sukker only one member is reported to be remaining, and at Quetta three are remaining. But they are not able to function as a Lodge in any way, hence I am doubtful if the Quetta group can be called a Centre even. They have, though, a very valuable property, bringing them a monthly income, if they could collect it. We had properties also at Multan, Lahore and Shikarpur. But no one is left in those places to look after them in any way. They must be occupied by some refugees.

The Lodges at Karachi are very active, as also the one at Hyderabad. The Karachi Lodge issues a monthly programme of activities. It has a

members' meeting and a study class in Theosophy every week and lectures on Theosophical, educational, and social subjects. It makes special efforts to popularise the ideal and work of the United Nations and lectures on all aspects of the work of the United Nations have been given in their hall during the year. On 11th September the members of the World Town Hall Seminar visiting Karachi were invited to a meeting at the Theosophical Hall by Bro. Jamshed to discuss the work and the possibilities of the United Nations and to consider the formation of a chapter of the United Nations at Karachi. Prominent citizens and government officials attended.

Many meetings were attempted during the year to organize the work of the Theosophical Order of Service. Sufficient response has not yet been forthcoming, although sporadic efforts have been made to start some useful activity. The Youth Lodge group has done some visiting to hospitals and a small part-time school to educate the refugee children has been started under the supervision of our T.O.S. workers. Much yet remains to be done.

The anniversaries of Theosophical leaders and important days have been observed.

During the year Bro. U. K. Sujan and Sister Gool Minwalla visited the Hyderabad Lodge thrice, giving lectures and helping in the general Lodge re-organization. The public of Hyderabad

and of Karachi have shown a deep interest in the Theosophical teachings and there is a fair promise of increased activity in both these spheres. Both the Lodges have a good library which is being well-availed of by the public.

58 new members joined the Lodges in Pakistan during the year.

The membership in Pakistan, including only the Karachi Lodge, the Youth Lodge, the Jamshed Nagar Lodge, and the Besant Lodge at Hyderabad, with 3 members at Quetta and one at Sukker, stands at 177. One member passed away during the year. We

have no further news of membership in East Pakistan Lodges and Lodges in West Pakistan.

Our greatest need is Lodge organizers and lecturers who are willing to travel to these neglected centres and once more set the work going in different places. Our one year's experience in Pakistan shows us that the Muslim mind is receptive to Theosophy and the Muslim heart to the ideal of Universal Brotherhood.

JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SIAM

Despite the small total increase in membership in this area, there has been an appreciable increase in activities, desire for study, and service to humanity. There are 3 active Lodges, a few members living in country districts and a small group in Bangkok, Siam. Total Membership is 87 in 3 Lodges.

In *Singapore* the work has gathered momentum, although the membership has decreased to 50 persons. As well as the weekly members' meetings, and public discussions or lectures, a monthly vegetarian luncheon was begun in April, and has been well attended. Twelve prominent members of the public have spoken to the Lodge on religious, welfare or allied subjects. A study group has lately been formed by regular workers for deeper study and practice in public speaking. The exposition of Theosophical ideas, through religious verse and song, was found to be a successful form for some public meetings. "Red letter" days were made the occasion of special meetings prefaced by a tea party. Members are also working to revive the Mystic Star Ritual.

In *Kuala Lumpur* the "Selangor" Lodge has resumed active work, so

that Malaya has once more a Lodge working in the centre of its territory, as well as the two island Lodges of Penang and Singapore.

Penang Lodge is completing a second year of work and has increased in membership by 30% to 23 persons. These members are Chinese Buddhists or Free-Thinkers and Hindus. 16 "Lessons," composed of extracts from Theosophical works or monographs of religious leaders have been duplicated and circulated to members of the Lodge and Singapore, which generous action has been much appreciated.

General.—In May the monthly *Theosophical News in Malaya and Siam* was first published. This is circulated to between 200 and 250 members, enquirers and persons sympathetic to the ideas expressed in the publication. Work with welfare bodies, art associations, and religious missions has continued. Promoted by a Muslim Divine, for leaders of all Religions in Singapore and Johore, the "Inter-Religious Organization" is proving of value, as its members become acquainted and friendly with each other and spread the moral teachings upon which all are in agreement.

About 2,500 persons have been addressed in two public meetings. A booklet has been distributed, and a Declaration for men of all religions is being prepared. Singapore T. S. members are active in the organization, representing different religions. Total membership 87.

If, in Malaya and Siam, we can continue in the present enthusiasm,

strength of purpose, and power for sheer hard work, then this area, reinforced as it always will be by the spiritual outpouring from the Headquarters, will become a force for harmony and the intensifying of a spiritual outlook among the peoples of Malaya and Siam.

HILDA B. MOORHEAD,
Presidential Agent.

NORTHERN IRELAND

On 20th April a Presidential Agent was appointed for Northern Ireland, where the Lodges and members had formerly been attached to the Theosophical Society in Ireland. Since that time the Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland has been put, so far as its internal affairs are concerned, upon a footing like that of a small Section, an executive council being formed of elected Lodge representatives, and a constitution being adopted.

The new constitution was discussed and passed at a convention to which all Northern Ireland members were invited, on 21st June, 1949, with Srimati Rukmini Devi in the chair. Her presence in Belfast for three days, during which time she met many members and friends and addressed several meetings, was a source of happiness to all and was particularly helpful and harmonising at this crucial time when a new administration was being established.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made so that there will be no break in co-operation with members in the Republic of Ireland. These arrangements include agreements for sharing

lecturers, for the equitable apportionment of jointly incurred expenses and for mutual support at conventions in the two countries and in other respects. A grant was generously made from the funds of the T. S. in Ireland to enable the T. S. in Northern Ireland to meet its initial expenses, and start a permanent fund.

Regular Lodge work has continued actively in Belfast and Coleraine; and efforts have been made to begin work at other places. A new Centre has been established at Bangor, where there had been no activity before, and this Centre is thriving so well that early application for a Lodge charter is expected.

Extensive improvements to the Belfast headquarters building and equipment during the summer included the establishment of a "shrine room" which will be available for any devotional or meditational activity of members.

There are four Lodges and sixty-seven members, and membership tends to rise.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Presidential Agent.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The Lodges of the Canadian Federation report an active and progressive year. Thirty five new members were enrolled during the year, and there were several transfers from other Sections. In July, 1948, the two Federation Lodges in Calgary, Alta.; namely, Krishna and Trinity, joined forces and applied for a new Charter under the name of Lotus Lodge. In May, 1949, a new Lodge was formed in Edmonton, Alta., and is known as Mercury Lodge. Besant Lodge, Victoria, B.C. continues to grow under the able leadership of Mrs. Edith Chesman.

Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, had the honour to receive three distinguished

visitors during the year. The President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, visited Vancouver in June, 1949, addressing a meeting of combined Section and Federation Lodges. Out of town members came from Calgary, Alta., Victoria, B.C. and Bellingham, Wash. U.S.A. to attend this meeting and bring the greetings of their respective Lodges.

Our membership is increasing; finances are in good condition, and I think the prospects look very bright for the future of the Theosophical work here.

ELSIE S. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The World Federation of Young Theosophists since its revival in 1946, has passed through another year of successful activity. During the year a new Youth group has been formed in Brazil, affiliated to the World Federation of Young Theosophists.

Srimati Rukmini Devi, the President of the Federation, was once again on an extensive tour in Europe and the Young Theosophists movement in Europe has been very much strengthened by her presence. She, amongst her manifold activities, presided over an extensive Youth Camp, held at Paris. The Youth Camp held at Broach by the All-India Federation of Young

Theosophists under the Presidentship of Sri Rohit Mehta is also worth mentioning.

Annual Reports were received from Wales, England, Ireland, Holland, Switzerland, Finland, N. Ireland, France, Australia, New Zealand, Chile and India. Young Theosophists are also very active in Cuba, Brazil, U.S.A., and Mexico.

A survey of the reports shows that everywhere the work of the Young Theosophists is growing steadily, strengthening both in numbers and activities.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
General Secretary.

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1948-1949

I

Staff.—The year under review has had few changes to record. I have continued as Director with Professor C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon) as Curator. Mr. A. J. Hamerster, the Joint Director, has been away in Europe since April 1947. Srimati A. Sita Devi continued as Librarian.

Special Editors.—Pandit Aiyaswami Sastri's edition of the *S'ālistambasūtra*, embodying the results of his researches in Tibetan and Chinese Literature, continued to be published in the *Bulletin*. A second revised edition of the work is under preparation and is expected to be taken up in 1949-50. The third volume of *Sanḡitaratnākara* is also proceeding. As the matter to be published is still considerable, it is proposed to issue chapters 5 and 6 as the third volume and chapter 7 as an independent volume by itself.

II

Pandit Sri V. Krishnamacharya was mainly engaged in preparing the *Descriptive Catalogue* for the Sanskrit Manuscripts of the Mīmāṃsā and Vēdānta sections. He also edited the *Alaṅkārasaṁgraha* of Amṛtānandayogin and the *Brahmasūtrabhāṣyasiddhāntasaṁgraha* by S'ri Upaniṣad Brahma-yogin. Both have been completed and issued during the year. A statement of his work for the three years ending with 30-9-49 is given under *Annexure 1*.

Sri H. G. Narahari continued the work for the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogue* of Sanskrit Manuscripts for the Kāvya section. 242 manuscripts were described and entries for 310

manuscripts revised. Two more sections *Laghukāvya* and *Gadyakāvya*, containing some of the rarest and most valuable manuscripts, have been completed; the fourth on *Campūs* is now proceeding. He also edited the *Dasa-kumārakathāsāra* of Appayāmātya—an old epitome of the famous work of Daṇḍin, collated the Library manuscript, till now not noticed, with the edition of the work published a century and a half before by the Asiatic Society of Bengal—and brought out the new edition of the work. A statement of his work for the triennium ending with 30-9-49 is printed under *Annexure 2*.

Pandit Sri V. Narayanaswami Sastri continued to be in charge of the section for transcription, comparison and restoration. He was mainly engaged in restoring for the Library, manuscripts in unfamiliar scripts which required to be urgently copied. A tabular statement of his work for the three years ending with 30-9-49 is to be seen under *Annexure 3*.

Pandit Sri K. Ramachandra Sarma was mainly engaged in assisting Pandit V. Krishnamacharya and Sri H. G. Narahari in the work of the *Descriptive Catalogue*. He has further made considerable progress in the printing of the third volume of the *Sanḡitaratnākara*. He collaborated with Pandit Krishnamacharya in editing the *Alaṅkārasaṁgraha*. A tabular statement of his work for the period of three years ending with 30-9-49 is printed as *Annexure 4*.

Pandit Sri N. Ramachandra Bhat has continued to copy manuscripts for the Library and to complete orders for transcripts from outside and also to assist Pandit Narayanaswami Sastri

in the comparison of manuscripts transcribed. He has further assisted Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar in the examination of manuscripts for the *Descriptive Catalogue* of the Dharma-sāstra section. A tabular statement of his work for the corresponding period ending with 30-9-49 is given under Annexure 5.

III

Publications :

A. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED DURING THE YEAR ENDING WITH 30TH SEPTEMBER 1949

(a) Adyar Library Series Nos. 28 (Reprint), 66, 21 (Second Edition), 67, 68, 69 and 70.

28. Reprint—*Varivasyārahasya* of Bhāsurānandanātha—Edited by Paṇḍit S. Subrahmanya Sastri (with English translation, etc.)

66. *Indian Cameralism* (A Survey of Some Aspects of Arthasāstra) by K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

21. Second Edition—Revised and Enlarged — *Where Theosophy and Science Meet* (Parts 1 and 2, Nature and Man) by a body of Experts. Edited by Prof. D. D. Kanga.

67. *Tirukkural of Tiruvalluvar*—(In Roman Transliteration) with English Translation by Prof. V. R. Ramachandra Dikshitar.

68. *Tirukkural of Tiruvalluvar*, with English Translation by Prof. V. R. Ramachandra Dikshitar.

69. *Catalogue of the Adyar Library*, Western Section, part 4 (French).

70. *Alaṅkārasaṁgraha* by Amṛtānandayogin. Edited by Paṇḍit V. Krishnamacharya and Paṇḍit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

(b) Pamphlets :

Language Problem in India.—(Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XII, Part 4, December, 1948.)

Sanskrit in India—by G. Srinivasa Murthi. (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XII, Part 3, October, 1948.)

Influence of Indian Thought on French Literature—by Prof. Louis Renou. (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vols. XII and XIII.)

The Future Role of Sanskrit (Sanskrit Language)—by C. Kunhan Raja. (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XIII, Part 1, February, 1949.)

The Future Role of Sanskrit (Sanskrit Literature, Sanskrit (Scholarship and Sanskrit Scholars) by Louis Renou and C. Kunhan Raja.

Dasakumārakathāsāra of Appayāmātya—Edited by H. G. Narahari.

Brahmasūtrabhāṣya-siddhāntasaṁgraha, by Sri Upaniṣadbrahmayogin—Edited by Paṇḍit V. Krishnamacharya. (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XIII, Parts 2 and 3).

(c) *Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol. XII, part 4 and Vol. XIII, parts 1, 2 and 3.

B. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED FROM 1ST OCTOBER 1949 TILL THE DATE OF THE REPORT

Adyar Library Series No. 71. Yājñikyupaniṣadvivarana by Puruṣottamānandatirtha — Edited by Paṇḍit V. Krishnamacharya and Paṇḍit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

Pamphlet—India's Cultural Role in the World—by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

C. WORKS IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE PRESS

Yoga Upaniṣads—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi.

Saiva and Śākta Upaniṣads—Sanskrit Text.

Saiva and Śākta Upaniṣads—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi.

Sanġitaratnākara—With the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla. Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, Vol III.

Horāsāstra—with the commentary Apūrvārthapradarsikā by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar.

Sālistambasūtra—Restored from Tibetan and Chinese Sources—by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

Sanġitaratnākara, English Translation—Vol. II, by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. in the Adyar Library, by H. G. Narahari, Vol. V—Poetry, Drama and Poetics.

Aristotle's Katharsis and Bharata's Sthāyibhāvas—by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Language—Barrier or Bridge—by A. Sita Devi.

Pādavidhāna of Śaunaka with Bhāṣya—Edited by H. G. Narahari.

Inscriptions of Priyadarsin—with English Translation by G. Srinivasa Murti and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

D. WORKS READY FOR THE PRESS

Āśvalāyanagṛhyasūtra with the Commentaries of Devasvāmin and Nārāyaṇa. Vol. II. Edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha.

Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayana with the Commentary of Varadarāja. Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Caturdaśalakṣaṇī of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar, Vols. II, III.

Pakṣatā of Gadādhara—with four commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Siddhāntalakṣaṇam of Gadādhara with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Avayava of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Sāmānyanirukti of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Vyutpattivāda of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Ten Major Upaniṣads—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and Edited by G. Srinivasa Murti.

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. in the Adyar Library, by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, Vol. IX—Mīmāṃsa and Advaita-Vedānta.

IV

Books and Manuscripts.—During the year the total number of additions to the Library was 708 books, 93 pamphlets and 19 manuscripts (Transcripts). Of these, 36 were by purchase, 650 by presentation and the rest received for review. Of the Pamphlets, 6 were purchased and 87 donated to the Library. Under Annexure 7 is given the list of manuscripts added. A full list of the Donors is printed under Annexure 8.

V

Use of the Library.—The number of visitors to the Library was 12,311, the number books loaned out 2771, and Books and Manuscripts consulted 15,850.

VI

Exchanges.—We greatly appreciate the courtesy of the various institutions, journals, Universities and other learned bodies that continue their exchange relationship with the Adyar Library.

VII

Donations.—The donations received during the year were (1) the bequest of Rs. 5000, from the estate of the late Mr. Frei mentioned in section VII of the last Report and (2) A donation of Rs. 2000, by Prof. D. D. Kanga, both of which were credited to the 'Publication Fund' of the Library. (3) Mr. F. H. Dastur donated a sum of Rs. 201 to the Library. I record our gratitude to the donors for their munificent gifts.

VIII

Library and the Sanskrit Language.

—The Library undertook to present the case for Sanskrit as the National Language for India and its proper position in the national life of the country. For this purpose a series of pamphlets were issued and sent to the various scholars, administrators and legislators throughout the country. The close of this activity was marked by the holding of public meetings all over the country to celebrate the *Girvāṇa Utsava* (Sanskrit Festival) in the Dasara of 1949. The meeting at Adyar was held in the Headquarters' Hall on 29-9-49 with Sir V. T. Krishnamachari in the chair. The following Resolution was passed at the meeting and communicated to the Prime Minister, the President of the Constituent Assembly and Members of the Constituent Assembly. It is gratifying to note that the Constituent Assembly of India has now included Sanskrit among languages authorised for State use in Legislatures and Administrations.

Resolution.—Resolution passed at a Public Meeting held under the Auspices of the Adyar Library in the Headquarters' Hall of The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras on 29-9-49 at 4 p.m. in connection with the *Girvāṇa Utsava* or Sanskrit Festival with Sir V. T. Krishnamachari in the Chair:

"This public meeting held under the auspices of the Adyar Library appeals to the Indian Nation and recommends to the Government of the Indian Union and of the States constituting the Union:

1. To adopt Sanskrit for the purposes of higher planes of Indian national life;

2. To entertain the practical and the spiritual wisdom and the millenia old, yet young and virile tradition of unbroken civilized life recorded in it as the unshakable foundation for our present and future national unity, and

3. To advocate such foundations to the Nations of the world as a dependable and effective basis for international amity and for enduring peace, prosperity and happiness among men.

This meeting suggests as an immediate practical step that:

I. As basis for the translation into all Indian languages in a uniform way,

(a) the Constitution of India be translated into Sanskrit at once, and

(b) the important All-India Statutes in force be also similarly translated into Sanskrit;

II. (a) Important Statutes presented to and passed by Parliament;

(b) All important documents of the Union with a permanent value, that may have to be made use of by, and that may guide, the Government of the State, and

(c) All judgments of the Supreme and High Courts be rendered into Sanskrit;

III. The following documents be drafted in Sanskrit forthwith:

(a) The order of appointment of the Governors, the Judges of the Supreme and High Courts, of the Ambassadors and of such high officials and dignitaries;

(b) Pledges taken by the President, the Governors, the Legislators, the Ambassadors and other high officials and dignitaries of the State;

(c) The Credentials taken by the Ambassadors;

(d) The greetings to other States given by Ambassadors when they present their Credentials, and

(e) The Greetings sent by India to other States on occasions like the celebration of days important to them.

Moved by:

Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti, Honorary Director, Adyar Library.

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Srimati Rukmini Devi, Director, Kalakshetra,

Sri K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Retired Director of Public Instruction, Travancore and Ex-Principal, Central Hindu College, Benares Hindu University,

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Mr. Robert Rossou, Vice-Consul for America, Madras,

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Sri S. R. Venkataraman, Secretary, Servants of India Society, Madras,

Professor R. Bhaskaran, Head of the Department of Politics, University of Madras, and

Professor C. Kunhan Raja, Head of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras and Curator, Adyar Library.

IX

Acknowledgment—I have great pleasure in recording my most grateful thanks to all my colleagues. I am particularly grateful to Prof. C. Kunhan Raja M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon), Curator, Adyar Library, Srimati A. Sita Devi, our Librarian, and the Honorary Editors Sri Professor K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri, Vaidyaratna Pandit M. Duraiswami Aiyangar and Sri A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar for the services they continue to render to the Library. I also tender my grateful thanks to the Institutions and Governments—Indian and overseas—which continue to send their publications to the Library.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,
Hon. Director.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS

ANNEXURE 1

PANDIT V. KRISHNAMACHARYA

	1946-1947	1947-1948	1948-1949
Descriptive Catalogue—			
MSS. Examined ...	750 ¹	...	...
Descriptive Catalogue Slips prepared and revised ...	120 ¹	...	400 ¹
Literary Contributions ...	4	2	8
Correction of proofs for books edited in the Library Series—pages—	800 ¹	800 ¹	820 ¹
Manuscripts Examined and referred to	250	...	...
Manuscripts valued ...	...	...	650

ANNEXURE 2

H. G. NARAHARI

Literary Contributions ...	5	2	1
Reviews to the Bulletin ...	1	1	2

¹ Indicates assistance received by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

	1946-1947	1947-1948	1948-1949
Manuscripts described for the Descriptive Catalogue ...	270 ²	153 ²	242 ²
Do. revised ...	...	510 ²	310 ²
Descriptive Catalogue pages printed ...	...	160 ²	112 ²

ANNEXURE 3

PANDIT V. NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

Granthas copied ...	9,247	27,235	24,508
Do. Compared ...	63,149	9,430	11,450
Estimates for charges for transcription. No. of granthas ...	33,272	53,800	32,559
Stock taken for Library. No. of MSS. ...	14,798	...	...
Loan-slips prepared ...	...	20	25

ANNEXURE 4

K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

Assisted in preparing press copy and proof correction ...	820 ³	800 ³	820 ³
Assisted in the preparation of descriptive slips for Des. Cata. Vol. V ...	...	300 ⁴	200 ⁴
Press copy prepared for works in the Library Series ...	950	500	200
Manuscripts examined for Miscellaneous Information & Office Correspondence ...	450	200	110
MSS. collated ...	...	...	600 pages
MSS. valued ...	...	...	650 ⁵

ANNEXURE 5

N. RAMACHANDRA BHAT

Granthas copied ...	29,898	19,458	30,568
Do. compared ...	1,02,163 ⁵	2,02,525 ⁵	1,21,524 ⁵
Assisted in the examination of MSS. for Descriptive Catalogue work—Dharmasāstra MSS. ...	152 ⁶	108 ⁶	24 ⁶
Proofs corrected for the press for the Library Series ...	...	518 ⁶	354 ⁶

² Indicates assistance received by Sri Narahari from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

³ Assistance rendered to Pandit V. Krishnamachari.

⁴ Assistance rendered to Sri Narahari.

⁵ Indicates work done with Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri and Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

⁶ Assisted Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

ANNEXURE 6

A. N. KRISHNA AIYANGAR

	1946-1947	1947-1948	1948-1949
No. of Manuscripts examined for the Descriptive Catalogue ...	152 ⁷	108 ⁷	24 ⁷
Nos. of granthas compared ...	55,000	50,000	42,000 ⁷
Literary Contributions ...	2	2	2
Reviews to the Bulletin ...	6	8	4
Correspondence ...	1187	1558	1752

ANNEXURE 7

LIST OF TRANSCRIPTS ADDED IN 1948-49

Serial No.	Title of the Work
64943	Bhāvanāpuruṣottamanāṭaka
64944	Samkalpasūryodayavyākhyā
64945	Paribhāṣālaghuvṛtti
64946	Aitareyopaniṣadkhaṇḍāṛthasamgraha
64947	Mokṣadharmavyākhyā
64948	Siddhāntagītā
64949	Pañcapādikāvivarāṇavyākhyā
64950	Tattvavivekadīpana
64951	Sārīrabhāvādhikarāṇavicāra
64952 & 4	Tatkratunyāyasāra
64953	Tatkratunyāyavicāra
64955	Dākṣiṇātyamatabhaṅga
64956-7	Hayasīrṣasamhitā
64958	Paramesvarasamhitā
64959-61	Palimuttaka-vinayavinicchaya-saṃgaha

ANNEXURE 8

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Sri H. G. Narahari	The Vidyanatha Ayurveda Bhavan, Patna

⁷ Received assistance from Pandit N. R. Bhat.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



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THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
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and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

- Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.
- Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.
- Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.
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- W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.
- Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.
- Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.
- Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.
- Jose M. Massô, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

- Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].
- G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].
- Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandawala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].
- Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].
- Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].
- Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].
- Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY	...	{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
" ARTHUR RICHARDSON	...		" W. A. ENGLISH
" PYARE LAL	...	{	" SUBRAMANIAM
" PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	...		" FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
			" UPENDRANATH BASU
			" ANNIE BESANT
			" N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such

members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council, each of whom shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations. Such call to members outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective National Governing Council and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, whose consent as laid down hereunder shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of this period the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received along with the relevant papers before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the consent of the nominated member has not been filed in the office of the Recording Secretary within the period of two months just preceding shall be rejected as invalid. The rest shall be counted, and the names of those receiving the three highest numbers of nominations, (or any lesser number of names, if less than three are nominated) together with any others who have been nominated by

not less than half the members of the General Council, shall be those to be voted upon. Such a list made by the Executive Committee shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall communicate the list of nominees to be voted upon, to the General Secretaries, and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air mail and ordinary mail, and to the others by air mail confirmed within two days by ordinary mail. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Society at Adyar.

If only one member is nominated the vote so taken shall be on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the highest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure here-

in provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary, shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of

The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases,

and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice, and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds

that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note.—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be

eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of majority in their respective countries shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is

desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further informa-

tion the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a), shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulation of such National Society, but not less than 5/- and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5/- and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent

of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to The Society belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest in The Society (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President, or to his nominee on its behalf and such National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of The Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges not being less than seven in number, or to other Fellows not being less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in The Society, the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National

Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which The Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to

each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY FOR 1950

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. C. JINARĀJADĀSA.

Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK.

Treasurer: MR. C. D. SHORES.

Recording Secretary: MISS HELEN ZAHARA.

President, World Federation of Young Theosophists: SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI.

General Secretaries and Presidential Agents

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States ...	Mr. James S. Perkins	... "Olcott," Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England ...	Mrs. Doris Groves	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1
1891	India ...	Sjt. Rohit Mehta	... Theosophical Society, Banaras City
1895	Australia ...	Mr. J. L. Davidge	... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden ...	Herr Curt Berg	... Ostermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand ...	Miss Emma Hunt	... 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3
1897	Netherlands ...	Professor J. N. van der Ley	... Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France ...	Dr. Paul Thorin	... 4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy ...	Dr. Giuseppe Gasco	... Casella Postale 83, Savona
1902	Germany ...	Direktor Martin Boyken	... Rotbuchenstieg 40, (24a) Hamburg 39
1905	Cuba ...	Dr. Lorgio Vargas G.	... Calle Marcos Garcia 3, Sancti Spiritus
1907	Hungary ...	Selevér Flora úrno	... Báró Liphay-utca 9, Budapest II
1907	Finland ...	Herr Hugo Valvanne	... Vironkatu 7 C, Helsinki
1908	Russia ...	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia *	Pan Miloslav Lzicka	... Praha VIII—Za strelnici 633
1909	Southern Africa ...	Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis	Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland ...	Edward Gall, Esq.	... 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland ...	Monsieur Albert Sassi	... 79 Route de Drize, Troinex, Geneva
1911	Belgium ...	Mademoiselle Serge Brisy	... 37 Rue J. B. Meunier, Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia ...	J. A. H. van Leeuwen (acting)	... Dyalan Bandans 9, Bandoeng, Java
1912	Burma ...	U. Po Lat	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria ...	Herr F. Schleifer	... Bürgergasse 22, 4 Stg. 18, Vienna X
1913	Norway ...	Herr Ernst Nielsen	... Oscarsgt. 11, I, Oslo
1918	Egypt ...	...	...
1918	Denmark ...	Herr J. H. Möller	... Strandvejen 130a, Aarhus
1919	Ireland ...	Mrs. Alice Law	... 14 South Frederick St., Dublin, Eire
1919	Mexico ...	Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil	... Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada ...	Lt.-Col. E.L. Thomson, D.S.O.	... 52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina ...	Señor José M. Olivares	... Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires

* Presidential Agency. General Secretaries are members of the General Council, but not Presidential Agents.

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1920	Chile ...	Sra. Teresa de Risso ...	Casilla 604, Valparaiso
1920	Brazil ...	Tenente Armando Sales ...	Rua Sao Bento 38, 1º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria ...	...	...
1921	Iceland ...	Gretar Fells ...	Ingolfsstr. 22, Reykjavík
1921	Spain ...	...	...
1921	Portugal ...	Dr. Delio Nobre Santos ...	Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20-cave, Lisbon
1922	Wales ...	Miss E. Claudia Owen ...	10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland ...	...	...
1925	Uruguay ...	Señor Luis Sarthou ...	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico ...	Señora Esperanza C. Hopgood ...	Apartado No. 3, San Juan
1925	Rumania ...	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia ...	...	...
1926	Ceylon * ...	N. K. Choksy, Esq., K. C. ...	Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo
1928	Greece ...	Monsieur Kimon Prinaris ...	3D September Str., No. 56B III Floor Athens
1929	Central America ...	Señor José B. Acuña ...	P. O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay ...	...	...
1929	Peru ...	Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza ...	Apartado No. 2718, Lima
1933	Philippines ...	Mr. Domingo C. Argente ...	89 Havana, Sta. Ana, Manila
1937	Colombia ...	Señor Ramón Martínez ...	Apartado No. 539, Bogotá
1947	British E. Africa ...	Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah ...	P. O. Box 142, Zanzibar
1948	Pakistan * ...	Jamshed Nusserwanji, Esq. ...	P. O. Box 271, Karachi
1948	Malaya and Siam * ...	Mrs. Hilda B. Moorhead ...	P. O. Box 752, Singapore
1949	Northern Ireland * ...	Dr. Hugh Shearman ...	18 Brookville Avenue, Belfast

Additional Members of the General Council

- SRI K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Bangalore (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. JAMSHED NUSSEERWANJI, Machimiani Road, Karachi (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 177 Foras Road, Near Grant Road Station, Bombay 7 (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Voorteweg 40, Eindhoven, Holland (for 1948, 1949 and 1950).
- MRS. JOSEPHINE RANSOM, 30 Oakeshott Avenue, Highgate, London, N. 6, England (for 1948, 1949 and 1950).
- DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Director, Adyar Library, the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. N. SRI RAM, the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20, (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. H. S. L. POLAK, 49 Earls Ave., The Leas, Folkestone, England (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- N. K. CHOKSY, ESQ., K. C., Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo, Ceylon (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).

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MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held at "Shanti Kunj", Banaras, on Sunday
25th December 1949, at 2 p.m.*

First Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... President (in the chair).
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President.
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T. S. in India.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T. S. in New Zealand.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the meetings held on 24th December, 1948 and 30th December, 1948, having been circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of Minutes :*

(a) *Next World Congress.*—The opinions received from various members of the General Council were discussed. The general feeling was that as the International Convention to be held at Adyar in 1950, the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding, is likely to be an important one attended by many delegates from abroad, a World Congress held in 1951, that is, soon after, would not be likely to attract very many from countries distant from the place where it takes place. For this reason, and as 1953 will see the beginning of a new Presidential term, it was suggested that 1954 would be a more suitable time. The venue may be considered at a later date. The matter was accordingly deferred.

3. *Election of 7 (seven) Additional Members of the General Council.*—The undermentioned members, having obtained the necessary votes favourable to their election as set forth below, were declared duly elected as Additional

Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1950, 1951 and 1952) :

	No. of Votes
Dewan Bahadur Rajadharma Pravina	
K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar	... 40
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee	... 40
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... 39
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... 39
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	... 40
Mr. H. S. L. Polak	... 40
Mr. N. K. Choksy	... 40

4. *The Treasurer's Report for 1948-49.*—The audited financial statements for the official year ended 30th September, 1949, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report appended thereto and recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption, were given consideration and approved.

The following arose out of the discussion :

- (1) Decision by the General Council to create a Vice-President's Travelling Fund.
- (2) Decision to emphasize to the Sections the desirability of supporting the Adyar Day Fund and A.B.C. Fund in order to meet the needs of the International Headquarters.

5. *The Budget for 1949-50.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September, 1950, passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on 20th December, 1949, were adopted as detailed hereunder :

THE T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1949-50

EXPENSE	Budget for 1948-'49	Actuals for 1948-'49	Budget for 1949-'50	INCOME	Budget for 1948-'49	Actuals for 1948-'49	Budget for 1949-'50
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages	17,100	17,315	21,000	Rent Income ...	50,000	53,464	55,000
Repairs and Renewals	30,000	30,873	30,000	Conservancy Charges ...	1,270	1,445	1,400
Garden Expenses	26,500	31,991	34,150	Fees and Dues ...	18,000	20,567	18,000
Lighting and Water	3,500	4,164	4,200	Garden Income ...	19,500	25,451	27,560
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,041	4,500	Interest (Gross) ...	28,000	29,469	29,000
Watch and Ward	12,000	13,204	15,055	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	2,500	2,259	2,500	Donations ...		25,210	
Printing and Stationery ...	3,500	3,761	3,500	Casuarina ...		12,416	
Publications to General Secretaries	900	632	900	Special Departments:			
Sanitation Expenses	4,250	3,511	4,475	Engineering Department ...	1,01,150	1,30,016	1,06,080
Taxes Account	11,000	7,819	12,000	Laundry ...	8,000	8,160	8,200
Pensions	100	61	100	Vasanta Press ...	89,000	1,05,166	91,550
Interest on Funds and Accounts	11,000	9,472	11,000	Deficit to be made good by Donations	29,050		36,390
Donations to various Funds and Accounts		12,000					
Convention Travelling Expenses			1,000				
Convention Account	2,000	2,071					
Contributions:							
Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000				
President's Travelling Fund	3,300	3,300					
Dispensary	2,600	2,657	2,600				
Museum and Archives ...	500	281	500				
Depreciation:	8,000	13,314	13,500				
The School of the Wisdom Bhojanasala deficit ...	700	1,609	1,300				
Leadbeater Chambers deficit	4,500	3,502	2,400				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department...	1,01,150	1,29,745	1,06,080				
Laundry	8,000	8,789	8,200				
Vasanta Press	89,000	1,03,867	91,550				
Surplus		3,256					
	3,51,100	4,18,494	3,80,310		3,51,100	4,18,494	3,80,310

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

6. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1949-50.*—It was resolved that Messrs. V. Soundararajan & Co., Registered Accountants, be reappointed Auditors for the year 1949-50 at an increased remuneration of Rs. 900/- per annum but otherwise on the same terms and conditions as in previous years.

7. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1950.*—The following were appointed :

President	} Ex-officio
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
Recording Secretary	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	
Srimati Rukmini Devi	
Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram	
Mr. N. Sri Ram	
Mr. C. R. Groves	

8. *Award of Subba Rao Medal for 1949 to Mr. Louis W. Rogers as proposed by the President for his services to the Society as author, lecturer and worker.*—The General Council approved the award.

9. *Transfer of the two pictures of the Masters M. and K. H. to the Esoteric School.*—The Resolution had received 38 votes in favour and 2 against, but on further circulation as to whether the General Council would be agreeable to the withdrawal of the Resolution, the results were as follows :

For withdrawal	...	19
Against withdrawal	...	13

The Resolution was therefore declared withdrawn.

10. *Any other Business :*

(a) The following Resolution was proposed by the President :

RESOLVED that where a Lodge of the Society or a member desires to present any matter to the General Council, such matter be transmitted through the General Secretary of the National Society to which the Lodge or member belongs.

And that where a Lodge or member who is attached directly to the International Headquarters desires to present any matter to the General Council such matter be transmitted through the Recording Secretary.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

10. (b) The Recording Secretary gave notice that a request for clarification of Rules 37 and 44 had been received from the New Zealand Section and the necessary Resolutions would be circulated at a later date.

The Council then adjourned to meet on 31st December, 1949 at 2 p.m.

MINUTES

*Of meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held at "Shanti Kunj" Banaras, on Saturday,
31st December, 1949, at 2 p.m.*

Second Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... <i>President (in the Chair).</i>
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... <i>Vice-President.</i>
Mr. C. D. Shores	... <i>Treasurer.</i>
Miss Helen Zahara	... <i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Srimati Rukmini Devi	... <i>President, World Federation of Young Theosophists and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Belgium and Switzerland.</i>
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... <i>General Secretary, the T.S. in India.</i>
Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah	... <i>General Secretary, the T.S. in British East Africa.</i>
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... <i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... <i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in New Zealand.</i>

10. (c) As a result of the discussion at the meetings of the Theosophical Society in Europe held in July 1949, and the receipt of requests from the General Secretaries of Belgium and France and of a member from Spain, that a Resolution be submitted affirming independence of the Society from all other movements such as Freemasonry, the Liberal Catholic Church, etc., the following resolution was presented and its adoption moved :

The General Council of the Theosophical Society, taking into consideration the fact that a certain confusion exists among the public in certain countries, and among the Governmental authorities in them, as regards the relation of the Society to other bodies with activities sometimes regarded as parallel or allied, deems it advisable to make the following declaration :

"The Theosophical Society, while co-operating with all other bodies whose aims and activities make such co-operation possible, is and must remain an organization entirely independent of them, not committed to any objects save its own, and intent on developing its own work on the broadest and most inclusive lines, so as to move towards its own goal as indicated in and by the pursuit of those objects and that Divine Wisdom which in the abstract is implicit in the title The Theosophical Society.

"Since Universal Brotherhood and the Wisdom are undefined and unlimited, and since there is complete freedom for each and every member of the Society in thought and action, the Society seeks ever to maintain its own distinctive and unique character by remaining free of every attachment and affiliation to any other organization."

The Resolution was adopted. The result of the voting was as follows :

For the Resolution	...	9
Against the Resolution	...	3

The votes of the Belgium and the Swiss Sections were cast against the resolution by Srimati Rukmini Devi, who held their proxies, and who also cast her own vote against it.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1949

National Sections (Active) ... 41

Presidential Agencies (Active) 5

During the Year two new Presidential Agencies have been formed: Pakistan and Northern Ireland.

Total Lodges ... 1,307

Total Membership:

1948 ... 32,746

1949 ... 33,083

Increase in membership ... 337

	No. of Lodges	Active Members
United States ...	146	4,103
England ...	116	3,440
India ...	390	7,062
Australia ...	14	1,026
Sweden ...	18	335
New Zealand ...	15	936
Netherlands ...	37	1,846
France ...	47	2,313
Italy ...	33	801
Germany ...	24	691
Cuba ...	32	683
Hungary ...	7	187
Finland ...	23	696
Czechoslovakia* ...	1	44
Southern Africa ...	7	568
Scotland ...	24	385
Switzerland ...	16	240
Belgium ...	11	324
Indonesia ...	7	206
Burma ...	7	133
Austria ...	15	421
Norway ...	8	134
Egypt* ...	—	—
Denmark ...	12	361

	No. of Lodges	Active Members
Ireland ...	4	43
Mexico ...	25	438
Canada ...	13	376
Argentina & Bolivia.	67	1,316
Chile ...	10	129
Brazil ...	48	916
Bulgaria ...	—	—
Iceland ...	4	210
Spain ...	—	—
Portugal ...	10	218
Wales ...	7	164
Poland ...	—	—
Uruguay ...	5	70
Puerto Rico ...	7	80
Rumania ...	—	—
Yugoslavia ...	12	291 (1947)
Ceylon* ...	1	43
Greece ...	7	250
Central America ...	12	169
Paraguay* ...	—	—
Peru ...	10	200
Philippines ...	11	258
Colombia ...	16	253
British East Africa...	7	129
Pakistan* ...	4	177
Malaya & Siam* ...	3	87
Northern Ireland* ...	4	67
Canadian Federation.	7	192
H.P.B. Lodge (Canada)	1	9
Miroku Lodge (Japan)	1	11
Olcott-Blavatsky Lodge (Greece)	1	46
Fellows-at-Large ...	—	6

Total ... 1,307 33,083

* Presidential Agencies.

Note.—The statistics shown above do not include certain countries where members are living but from where no returns have been received since before the war.

HELEN ZAHARA,
Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Country	No. of Members	No. of Active Members
Argentina	12	561
Brazil	12	131
Canada	13	451
Chile	7	133
Colombia	7	206
Cuba	11	284
Costa Rica	11	284
Czechoslovakia	1	44
Denmark	1	44
Ecuador	1	44
El Salvador	1	44
France	17	213
Germany	17	201
Greece	16	233
Haiti	16	233
Honduras	16	233
India	16	233
Indonesia	16	233
Italy	16	233
Jamaica	16	233
Japan	16	233
Kenya	16	233
Malaya	16	233
Mexico	16	233
Netherlands	16	233
Nicaragua	16	233
Norway	16	233
Pakistan	16	233
Panama	16	233
Paraguay	16	233
Peru	16	233
Philippines	16	233
Puerto Rico	16	233
Romania	16	233
Saudi Arabia	16	233
Senegal	16	233
Sierra Leone	16	233
Singapore	16	233
South Africa	16	233
Spain	16	233
Sweden	16	233
Switzerland	16	233
Taiwan	16	233
Tanzania	16	233
Togo	16	233
Turkey	16	233
Uganda	16	233
United Kingdom	16	233
United States	16	233
Uruguay	16	233
Venezuela	16	233
Yugoslavia	16	233
Zambia	16	233
Zimbabwe	16	233
Total	1,807	53,083

Note: The statistics shown above do not include certain countries living but from which no returns have been received since before the war.

HELEN KAPLAN
Recording Secretary

